FLASH GORDON

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GOODBYE, ZARKOV. KEEP THE RADIUM MINES RUNNING
GOODBYE, FLASH. HOPE YOU HAVE A GOOD SPACE-ROCKET FLIGHT TO MONGO!
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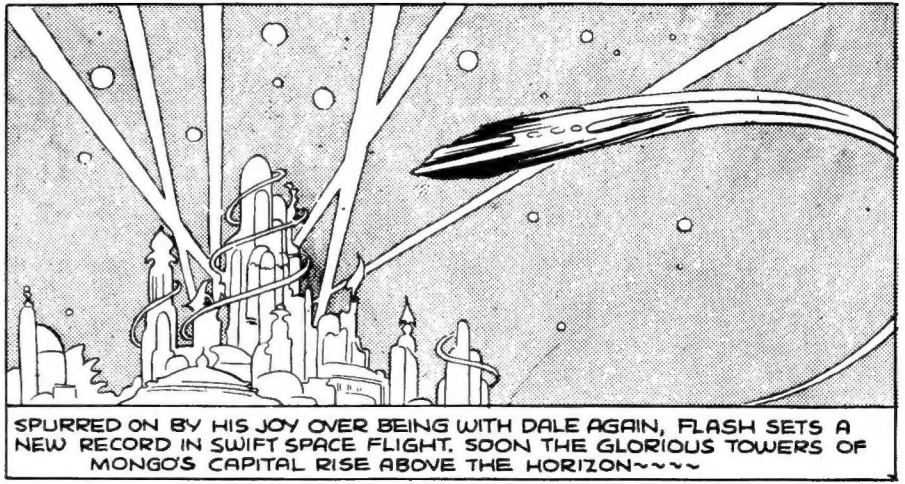
SPURRED ON BY HIS JOY OVER BEING WITH DALE AGAIN, FLASH SETS A NEW RECORD IN SWIFT SPACE FLIGHT. SOON THE GLORIOUS TOWERS OF MONGO'S CAPITAL RISE ABOVE THE HORIZON~~~~

PRESIDENT BARIN DECLARES A HOLIDAY TO CELEBRATE FLASH'S RETURN TO MONGO
FOR VICTORY
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THANK YOU FOR THIS SPLENDID WELCOME, BARIN. HOW'S EVERYTHING IN MONGO?
QUIET AND PEACEFUL-- EXCEPT FOR THE MYSTERY ABOUT QUEEN TIGRA!

YOU SEE, I'VE SENT THREE DIFFERENT AMBASSADORS TO FORESTIA -- AND THEY'VE ALL VANISHED BEFORE THEY REACHED QUEEN TIGRA.
THAT SOUNDS INTERESTING, BARIN. LET ME TACKLE THE JOB!
NOT UNLESS I GO WITH YOU, FLASH, DEAR.
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I HEREBY APPOINT YOU AMBASSADOR TO QUEEN TIGRA OF FORESTIA --- BE CAREFUL YOU DON'T MEET THE MYSTERIOUS FATE OF MY OTHER MESSENGERS, FLASH.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT US, BARIN. WE'LL SOLVE THAT MYSTERY FOR YOU

WE MUST BE NEAR THE GIANT FORESTS. OH, FLASH, IT'S FUN TO BE ADVENTURING TOGETHER AGAIN!
OF COURSE. I ONLY HOPE IT DOESN'T GET SO DANGEROUS THAT I WISH I HADN'T BROUGHT YOU

SKILFULLY FLASH SETS HIS AMPHIBIAN-ROCKET DOWN ON THE MIGHTY RIVER THAT LEADS INTO QUEEN TIGRA'S FOREST COUNTRY
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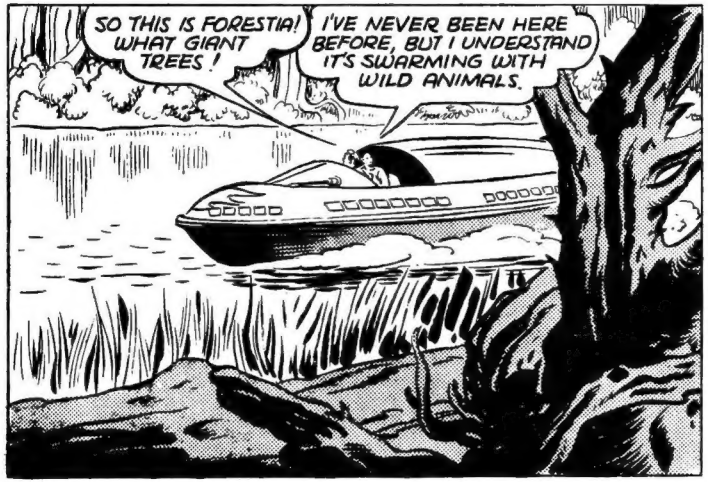
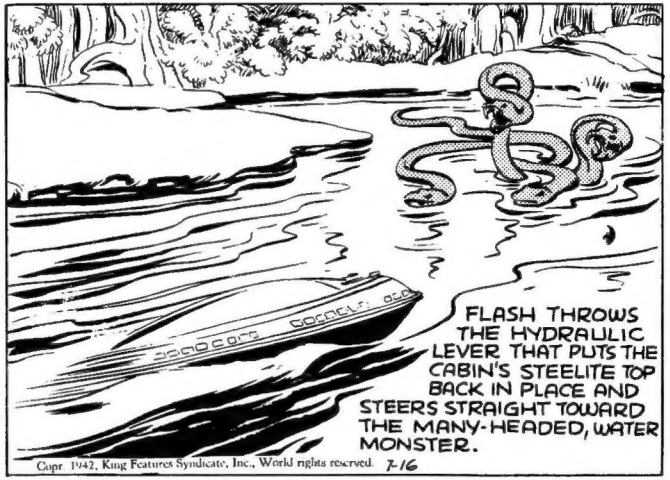

SO THIS IS FORESTIA! WHAT GIANT TREES!
I'VE NEVER BEEN HERE BEFORE, BUT I UNDERSTAND IT'S SWARMING WITH WILD ANIMALS.

LOOK OUT, FLASH --- THERE'S SOMETHING NOW, AND IT LOOKS WILD ENOUGH!
A RIVER-HYDRA! MAYBE THAT'S WHAT KILLED THE MEN WHO CAME HERE BEFORE US!


FLASH THROWS THE HYDRAULIC LEVER THAT PUTS THE CABIN'S STEELITE TOP BACK IN PLACE AND STEERS STRAIGHT TOWARD THE MANY-HEADED, WATER MONSTER.
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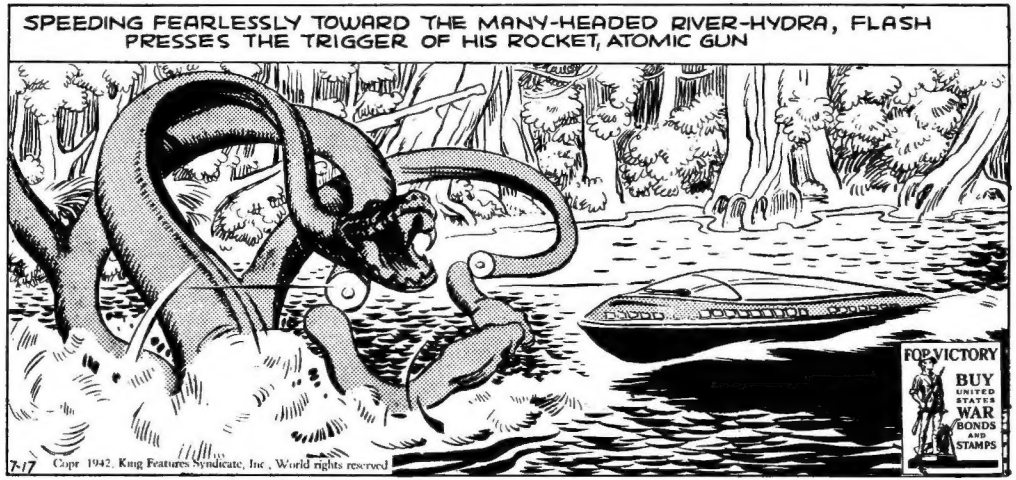
OH, FLASH--THE MONSTER LOOKS BIG ENOUGH TO SINK US!
IT WILL-- UNLESS WE SINK IT FIRST!


SPEEDING FEARLESSLY TOWARD THE MANY-HEADED RIVER-HYDRA, FLASH PRESSES THE TRIGGER OF HIS ROCKET, ATOMIC GUN
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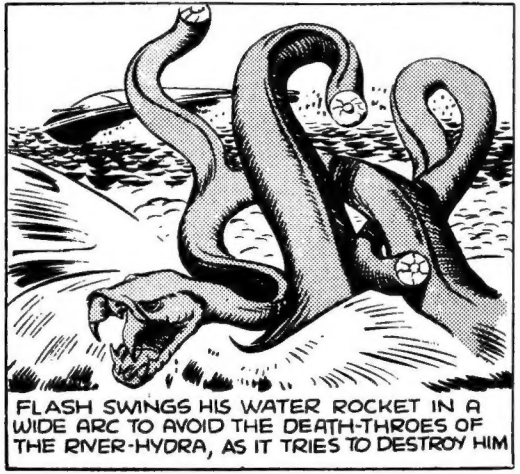
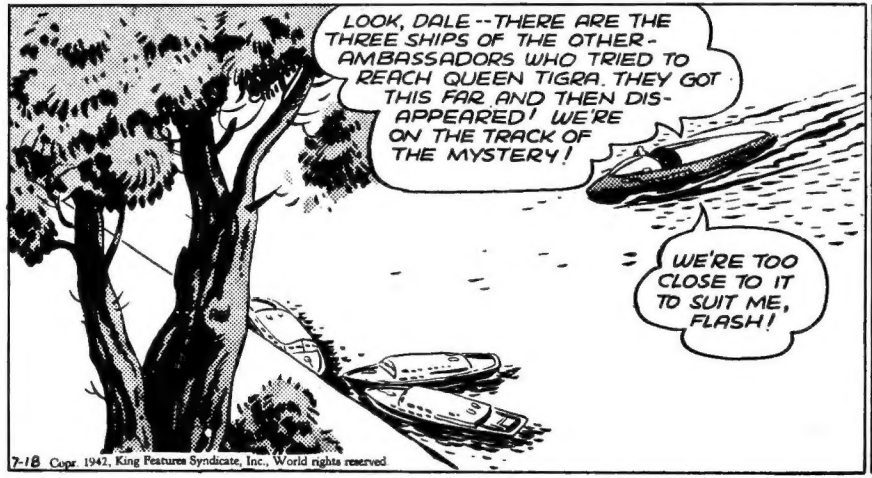

FLASH SWINGS HIS WATER ROCKET IN A WIDE ARC TO AVOID THE DEATH-THROES OF THE RIVER-HYDRA, AS IT TRIES TO DESTROY HIM

YOU'RE WONDERFUL, FLASH- I WAS FRIGHTENED FOR A MINUTE
SAY, WHAT'S THAT AHEAD?


LOOK, DALE--THERE ARE THE THREE SHIPS OF THE OTHER-AMBASSADORS WHO TRIED TO REACH QUEEN TIGRA. THEY GOT THIS FAR AND THEN DISAPPEARED! WE'RE ON THE TRACK OF THE MYSTERY!
WE'RE TOO CLOSE TO IT TO SUIT ME, FLASH!
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NEXT WEEK
THE UNSEEN WATCHER

I'LL SEE IF THERE'S ANY CLUE IN THE BOATS TO THE MYSTERY OF THE MISSING MEN. YOU CRUISE AROUND OFFSHORE AND KEEP ME COVERED AGAINST ATTACK
YES, DEAR. BE CAREFUL.. THIS SPOOKY PLACE SCARES ME TO DEATH!
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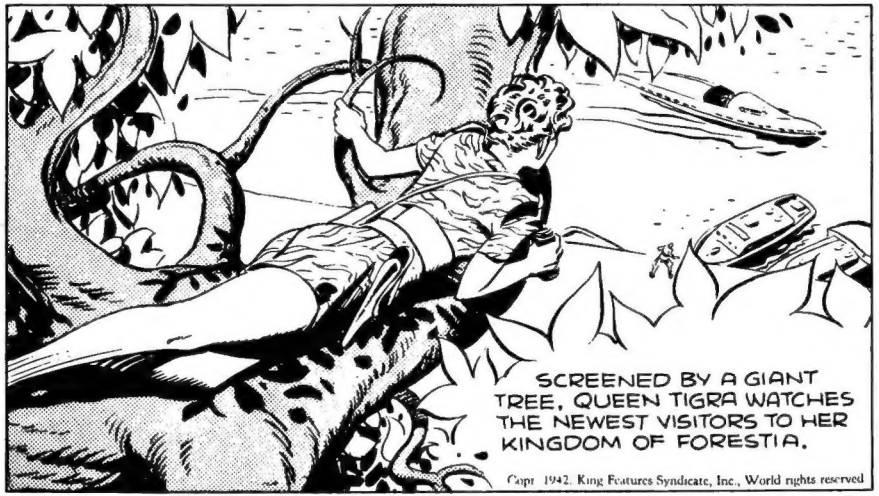
FLASH IS ALERT FOR SIGNS OF AMBUSH, AS HE STARTS TO SEARCH THE ABANDONED SHIPS

BUT IN ONE OF THE GIANT TREES, AT THE RIVERS EDGE, A STRANGE FIGURE WATCHES FROM A LEAFY HIDING-PLACE


SCREENED BY A GIANT TREE, QUEEN TIGRA WATCHES THE NEWEST VISITORS TO HER KINGDOM OF FORESTIA.
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WHILE DALE CRUISES AROUND OUTSIDE, ON GUARD AGAINST ATTACK, FLASH INVESTIGATES THE EMPTY BOAT
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..HE MUST HAVE STOPPED HERE TO SEE WHY THE OTHER MEN'S BOATS WERE ABANDONED. HE ATE WITH SOMEONE HE TRUSTED---
NOW, WHAT IS THIS TIGER-STRIPED LIPSTICK DOING HERE ?

FLASH FINDS NO CLUE IN THE MISSING AMBASSADORS' BOATS-- EXCEPT A TIGER-STRIPED LIPSTICK WITH A ROYAL CROWN.
COME ON AND MOOR THE ROCKET, DALE. I THINK THERE'S NO DANGER HERE--SO FAR!
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CALLING MONGO--- HELLO, BARIN. I'VE LANDED AND FOUND THEIR EMPTY BOATS AT THE FRONTIER! I'M HEADING INLAND TO FIND QUEEN TIGRA!
FLASH REPORTS ON HIS MINIRADIO--NOT GUESSING HOW CLOSE THE QUEEN OF FORESTIA REALLY IS!
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RUNNING CAT-FOOTED AND SILENTLY AMONG THE BRANCHES OF HER ROYAL FORESTS, THE MYSTERIOUS QUEEN TIGRA FOLLOWS FLASH AND DALE -----
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FLASH SENSES THAT HE IS BEING FOLLOWED--YET HIS KEENEST EFFORTS CANNOT CATCH A SUSPICIOUS SIGHT OR SOUND

BY TAO, IT'S A BILLIPEDE!

FLASH FIRES A RAY-BLAST AT THE ATTACKING BILLIPEDE --AND SMASHES THE FIRST TWO SECTIONS OF THE POISONOUS CREATURE

---BUT THE MONSTER SCURRIES VICIOUSLY AHEAD, EACH OF ITS HUNDREDS OF BODY-SECTIONS FILLED WITH A SEPARATE, MURDEROUS RAGE.
RUN, DALE-- IT'S YOUR ONLY CHANCE!
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DALE'S HORROR OVERCOMES HER LOYALTY AND SHE FLEES--WHILE THE BILLIPEDE ADVANCES LIKE DOOM.

FROM HER HIDING-PLACE IN THE TREES, QUEEN TIGRA FIRES A BARRAGE OF GAS-SPRAY BULLETS AT THE BILLIPEDE, AS IT IS ABOUT TO DESTROY FLASH.

THANKS, WHOEVER YOU ARE! WHERE ARE YOU, FRIEND?
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A WARM, GAILY MOCKING LAUGH AND A SCURRY IN THE BRANCHES
THAT WAS A WOMAN'S LAUGH!
NEXT WEEK: HAUNTED BY A MYSTERY!

THAT TREE-GIRL HAS BEEN FOLLOWING US, DALE. SHE MAY BE THE ANSWER TO THE MYSTERY!
DON'T LEAVE ME, FLASH. DON'T FOLLOW HER -- SHE'S ARMED WITH SOME STRANGE WEAPON!

I'D NEVER LEAVE YOU EXPOSED TO THE FOREST PERILS. YOU STAY SAFE IN OUR ROCKET-BOAT, WHILE I TRY TO CATCH THE MYSTERY GIRL.
I KNOW I'LL BE SAFE -- BUT YOU WON'T. PLEASE DON'T GO, DEAR

WITH A HEART FULL OF TENDER WORRY, DALE WATCHES FLASH RACE BACK TO PICK UP THE TRAIL OF THE TREE-GIRL, NOT GUESSING THAT IT'S THE STRANGE, FIERCE QUEEN TIGRA, HERSELF!
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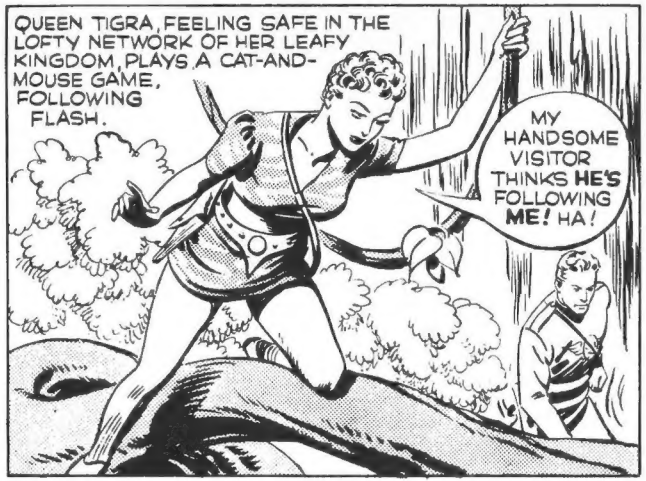
I'LL FOLLOW HER TRAIL IN THE TREE BRANCHES --
FLASH HURRIES TOWARD THE FOREST GIANT, WHERE HE FIRST SPOTTED THE MYSTERY GIRL.


QUEEN TIGRA, FEELING SAFE IN THE LOFTY NETWORK OF HER LEAFY KINGDOM, PLAYS A CAT-AND-MOUSE GAME, FOLLOWING FLASH.
MY HANDSOME VISITOR THINKS HE'S FOLLOWING ME! HA!

BUT NOW THAT FLASH KNOWS WHAT TO EXPECT, HIS KEEN SENSES DETECT THE GIRL'S PASSAGE IN THE TREES --
HELLO, THERE, TREE-GIRL! WAIT FOR ME -- I WON'T HURT YOU!
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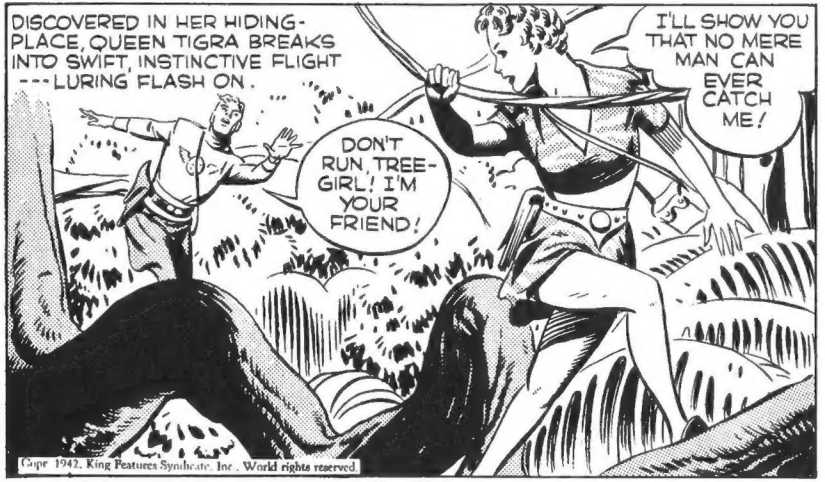
DISCOVERED IN HER HIDING-PLACE, QUEEN TIGRA BREAKS INTO SWIFT, INSTINCTIVE FLIGHT ---LURING FLASH ON.
DON'T RUN, TREE-GIRL! I'M YOUR FRIEND!
I'LL SHOW YOU THAT NO MERE MAN CAN EVER CATCH ME!
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TIGRA SOON LEARNS THAT FLASH IS NO ORDINARY MAN, AS HIS STRENGTH AND WOODS SKILL ENABLE HIM TO GAIN ON HER.
NOW DON'T BE AFRAID, TREE-GIRL!
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YOU SPITFIRE!
FURIOUS THAT ANYONE SHOULD DARE TOUCH HER ROYAL PERSON WITHOUT PERMISSION, TIGRA SPRINGS OUT INTO SPACE--

HE DARED TO GRAB ME! I'LL HAVE HIM FLAYED FOR THAT!

BUT HE CALLED ME "TREE-GIRL"--HE DIDN'T KNOW I WAS QUEEN TIGRA-- AND HE'S SO HANDSOME-- MAYBE I'LL THINK OF SOME OTHER AMUSING FATE FOR HIM!
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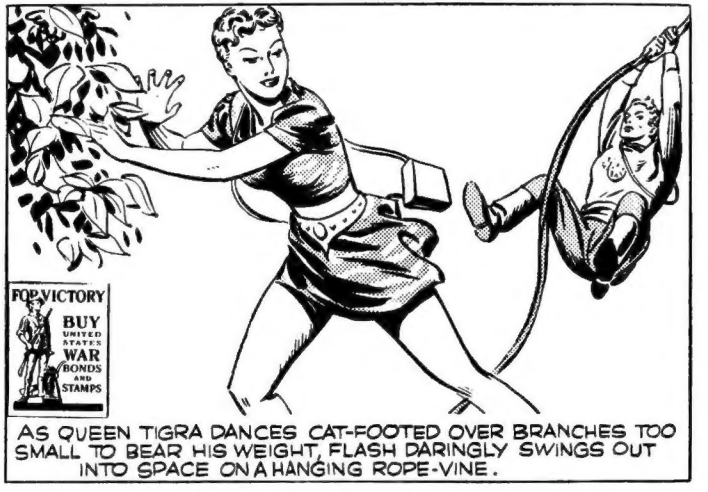
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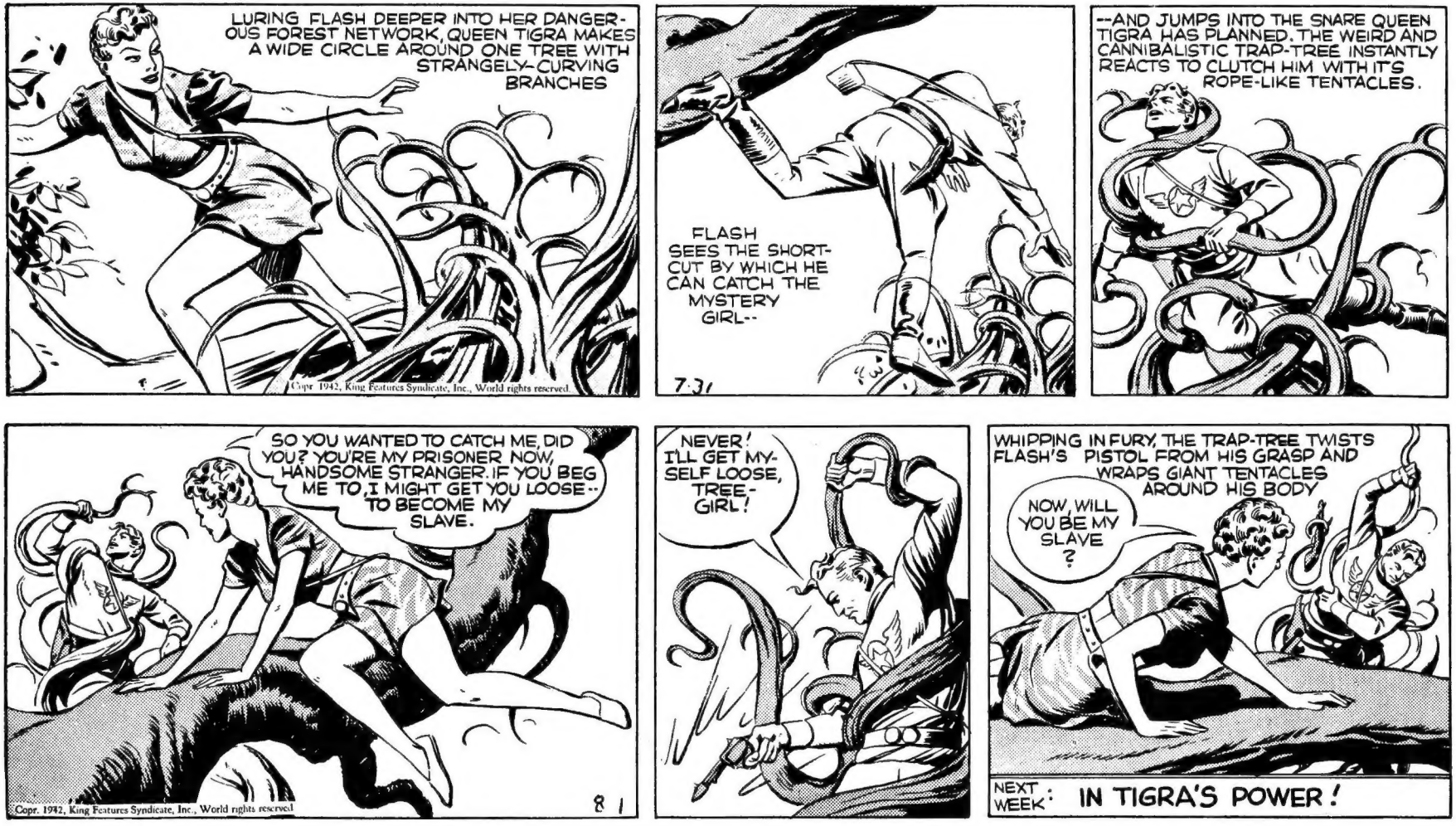
AS QUEEN TIGRA DANCES CAT-FOOTED OVER BRANCHES TOO SMALL TO BEAR HIS WEIGHT, FLASH DARINGLY SWINGS OUT INTO SPACE ON A HANGING ROPE-VINE.


LURING FLASH DEEPER INTO HER DANGEROUS FOREST NETWORK, QUEEN TIGRA MAKES A WIDE CIRCLE AROUND ONE TREE WITH STRANGELY-CURVING BRANCHES
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FLASH SEES THE SHORT-CUT BY WHICH HE CAN CATCH THE MYSTERY GIRL--
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--AND JUMPS INTO THE SNARE QUEEN TIGRA HAS PLANNED. THE WEIRD AND CANNIBALISTIC TRAP-TREE INSTANTLY REACTS TO CLUTCH HIM WITH IT'S ROPE-LIKE TENTACLES.
SO YOU WANTED TO CATCH ME, DID YOU? YOU'RE MY PRISONER NOW, HANDSOME STRANGER. IF YOU BEG ME TO, I MIGHT GET YOU LOOSE-- TO BECOME MY SLAVE.
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NEVER! I'LL GET MYSELF LOOSE, TREE-GIRL!
WHIPPING IN FURY, THE TRAP-TREE TWISTS FLASH'S PISTOL FROM HIS GRASP AND WRAPS GIANT TENTACLES AROUND HIS BODY
NOW, WILL YOU BE MY SLAVE ?
NEXT WEEK: IN TIGRA'S POWER!

I CAN GET YOU OUT OF THE TRAP-TREE, IF YOU'LL PROMISE TO BE MY SLAVE!
I'D RATHER DIE A FREE MAN!
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DIE, THEN, FOOL! NO MAN HAS EVER DARED DEFY THE QUEEN OF FORESTIA BEFORE!
WHAT! ARE YOU QUEEN TIGRA?
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QUEEN TIGRA HAS LURED FLASH INTO THE CANNIBALISTIC TRAP-TREE, HOPING HE'LL PROMISE TO BE HER SLAVE, IF SHE GETS HIM OUT, BUT FLASH EXERTS ALL HIS GREAT STRENGTH

WRITHING IN AGONY THE HORROR-TREE WHIPS ITS BROKEN BRANCHES AND FLINGS FLASH OUT INTO SPACE.
-- THE FIRST LIVING CREATURE EVER TO BREAK THE CLUTCH OF THE TRAP-TREE UNAIDED!
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FLASH'S BODY IS DASHED TO THE GROUND FAR BELOW, WHERE HE LIES IN A DAZE, GASPING MIGHTILY FOR BREATH, AMID THE GRIM SKELETONS OF THE TREE'S FORMER VICTIMS--
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WHAT A PITY! HE WAS SO HANDSOME.
QUEEN TIGRA DIVES FROM HER BRANCH TO FOLLOW FLASH'S BODY TO THE GROUND.

MAYBE HE'S STILL ALIVE! I HOPE SO!
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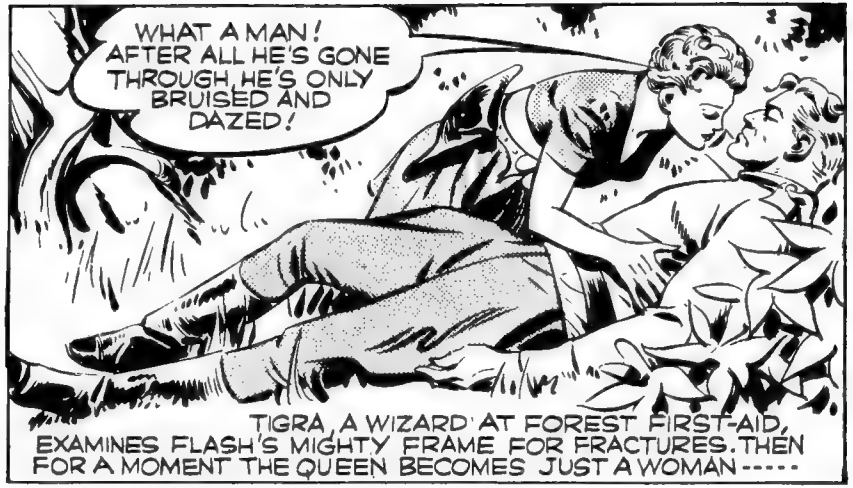
WHAT A MAN! AFTER ALL HE'S GONE THROUGH, HE'S ONLY BRUISED AND DAZED!
TIGRA, A WIZARD AT FOREST FIRST-AID, EXAMINES FLASH'S MIGHTY FRAME FOR FRACTURES. THEN FOR A MOMENT THE QUEEN BECOMES JUST A WOMAN -----

FLASH COMES TO--AND FINDS HIMSELF IN THE ARMS OF QUEEN TIGRA!

FLASH INSTINCTIVELY ASSERTS HIS MASTERY OVER THE TEMPTING, FASCINATING, FOREST QUEEN, WHO HAS JUST PROVED SHE IS ONLY A WOMAN.
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HOW DARE YOU KISS MY ROYAL MOUTH? YOU'LL DIE FOR YOUR INSOLENCE!
IT'S A PRETTY MOUTH--AND YOU STARTED ALL THIS, YOURSELF, YOU BEAUTIFUL SPITFIRE!
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WHAT IF I DID KISS YOU? THE QUEEN CAN DO NO WRONG. AND YOU'LL NOT LIVE TO BOAST OF IT, YOU INSOLENT STRANGER!
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YOU AREN'T GOING TO SHOOT ME, TREE-GIRL. NOW GIVE ME THAT GAS-GUN--

OH, WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ME? I SHOULD PUNISH YOU FOR THIS...
LOOK OUT, TIGRA -- THE TRAP-TREE IS REACHING FOR YOU!
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THE WRITHING BRANCHES OF THE TRAP-TREE TWINE ABOUT THE VOLUPTUOUS BODY OF QUEEN TIGRA.

UNDAUNTED BY HIS RECENT EXPERIENCES IN THE CLUTCHES OF THE CANNIBAL TREE, FLASH RAY-BLASTS THE HORRID TENTACLES, FREEING THE FOREST QUEEN!

THAT WAS HORRIBLE -- THANK YOU FOR SAVING ME!
YOU MIGHT REMEMBER THAT, THE NEXT TIME YOU WANT TO KILL ME, QUEEN TIGRA!
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NEXT WEEK: WONDERS OF THE TREE KINGDOM

LET'S BE FRIENDS, QUEEN TIGRA.. MY NAME'S FLASH GORDON
I'VE HEARD OF YOUR EXPLOITS. I ALWAYS THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST A LEGEND, BUT I SEE YOU'RE A MAN-- QUITE A MAN---
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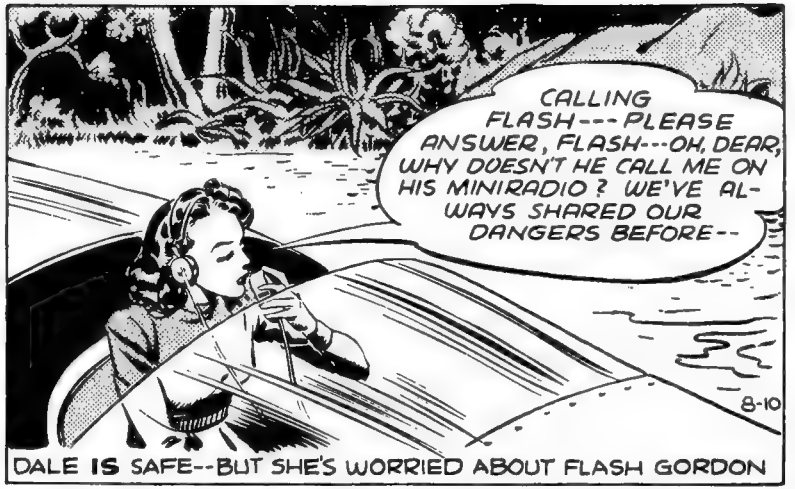
TIGRA INSISTS THEY START FOR HER HUNTING-CAMP
THIS WOMAN IS DANGEROUS. DALE'S SAFER WHERE SHE IS, UNTIL I FIND OUT WHAT TIGRA DID TO THE MISSING ENVOYS WHO CAME BEFORE ME--


CALLING FLASH--- PLEASE ANSWER, FLASH---OH, DEAR, WHY DOESN'T HE CALL ME ON HIS MINIRADIO? WE'VE ALWAYS SHARED OUR DANGERS BEFORE--
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DALE IS SAFE--BUT SHE'S WORRIED ABOUT FLASH GORDON

IT'S A LONG WAY TO MY CAMP, AND I'M HUNGRY. SHOW ME HOW GOOD A HUNTER YOU ARE
THOSE WILD PORCOR TRACKS LOOK FRESH-- LET'S GO!

THE CORNERED PORCOR SUDDENLY DOUBLES IN ITS TRACKS AND CHARGES AT FLASH AND TIGRA
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YOU DON'T NEED TO PROTECT ME, YOU CONCEITED MAN. I CAN TAKE CARE OF ANYTHING IN MY FOREST KINGDOM!
ALL RIGHT, LET'S SEE YOU TAKE CARE OF COOKING THESE STEAKS
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YOU'RE A STRANGE FELLOW, FLASH. I SHOULD BE VERY ANGRY AT YOUR LACK OF RESPECT FOR THE QUEEN OF FORESTIA--
YOU'RE A SPOILED GIRL, TIGRA, BUT THIS STEAK IS TOO GOOD FOR ME TO BE ANGRY
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IN A FURY OF HURT PRIDE, TIGRA SNATCHES A BURNING STICK FROM THE FIRE--
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STOP THAT, YOU LITTLE DEVIL. ANY MORE FOOLISHNESS AND I'LL SPANK YOU, QUEEN OR NO QUEEN!
WE'LL DISCUSS THIS LATER, AT MY CAMP... WE'D BETTER START NOW, TO ARRIVE BEFORE SUNDOWN - THE FOREST IS DANGEROUS AFTER DARK
TIGRA LEADS THE WAY TO HER HUNTING-CAMP
WE'D BETTER TAKE THE SHORT-CUT OVERHEAD, ABOVE THE BIG QUICK-SAND
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DON'T LIFT ME UP--I CAN JUMP TO THESE BRANCHES
I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED, IF YOU COULD CLAW YOUR WAY UP THE TRUNK, MISS TIGER CAT!
THE QUEEN ANGRILY STARTS OFF ON THE LEAFY HIGHWAY, WHILE FLASH LEAPS TO THE LOFTY BRANCH
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THIS ROPE-VINE BRIDGE IS SAFELY ANCHORED TO THE TREES AT EACH SIDE, BUT DON'T GET DIZZY AND FALL--
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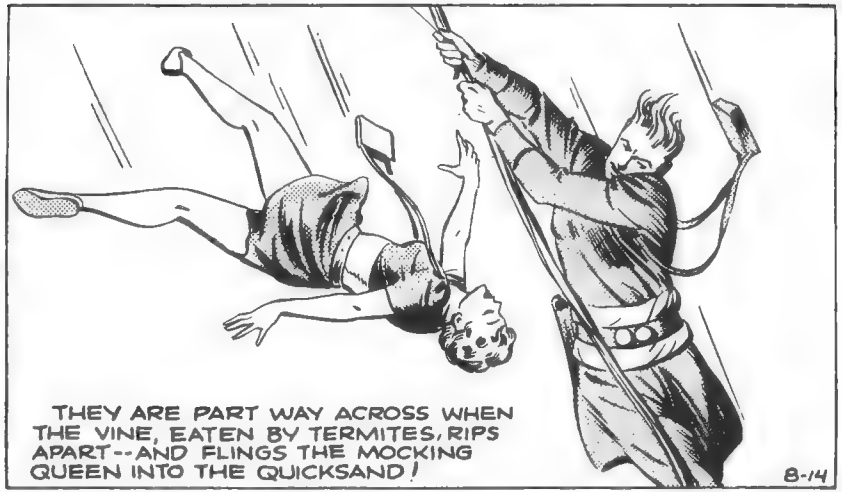
HIGH IN THE TREES AT THE FOREST'S EDGE, THEY REACH A CAT-WALK THAT STRETCHES ACROSS THE OMINOUS QUICKSAND----



THEY ARE PART WAY ACROSS WHEN THE VINE, EATEN BY TERMITES, RIPS APART--AND FLINGS THE MOCKING QUEEN INTO THE QUICKSAND!

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FLASH GRABS HOLD OF THE FALLING VINE. IT SWINGS HIM, PENDULUM-LIKE AGAINST THE LEANING TREE-TRUNK

FLASH SEES THE ONE CHANCE TO HELP TIGRA. HE LAUNCHES HIMSELF OUT INTO SPACE-- SLIDING DOWN THE VINE, AS HE SWINGS OUT OVER THE QUICKSAND--
NEXT WEEK
THE CLUTCH OF FATE
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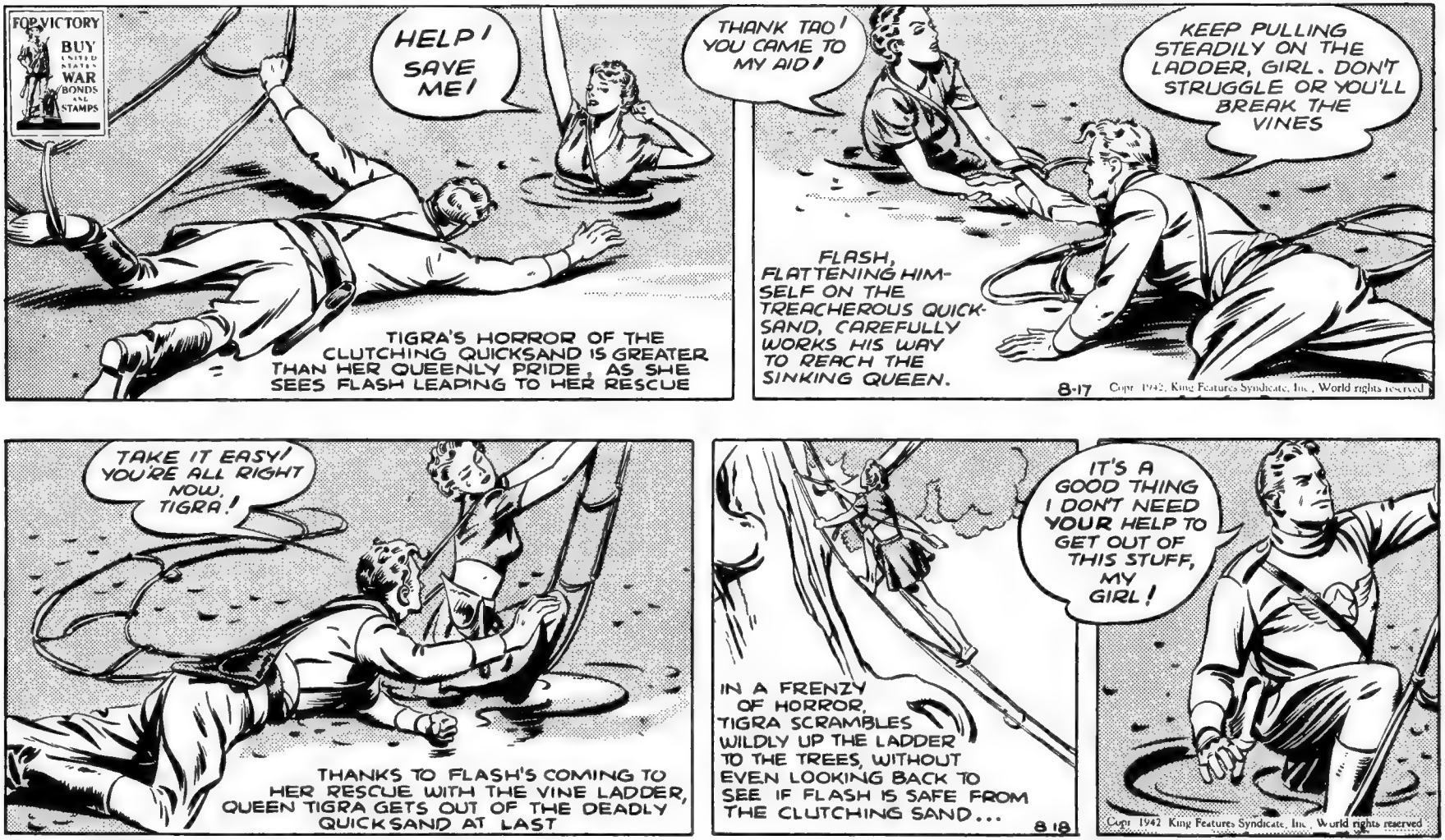
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HELP! SAVE ME!
TIGRA'S HORROR OF THE CLUTCHING QUICKSAND IS GREATER THAN HER QUEENLY PRIDE, AS SHE SEES FLASH LEAPING TO HER RESCUE
THANK TAO! YOU CAME TO MY AID!
KEEP PULLING STEADILY ON THE LADDER, GIRL. DON'T STRUGGLE OR YOU'LL BREAK THE VINES
FLASH, FLATTENING HIMSELF ON THE TREACHEROUS QUICKSAND, CAREFULLY WORKS HIS WAY TO REACH THE SINKING QUEEN.
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TAKE IT EASY! YOU'RE ALL RIGHT NOW, TIGRA!
THANKS TO FLASH'S COMING TO HER RESCUE WITH THE VINE LADDER, QUEEN TIGRA GETS OUT OF THE DEADLY QUICKSAND AT LAST
IN A FRENZY OF HORROR, TIGRA SCRAMBLES WILDLY UP THE LADDER TO THE TREES, WITHOUT EVEN LOOKING BACK TO SEE IF FLASH IS SAFE FROM THE CLUTCHING SAND...
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IT'S A GOOD THING I DON'T NEED YOUR HELP TO GET OUT OF THIS STUFF, MY GIRL!
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SAFE IN HER NATIVE TREES, QUEEN TIGRA OF FORESTIA TRIES TO GET OVER HER HORROR OF THE QUICKSAND
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT NOW, TREE-GIRL ?
YES, IT WAS SO GHASTLY... THERE'S JUST ONE THING I CAN'T STAND.. TO BE HELD AGAINST MY WILL--
DON'T YOU WORRY, TIGRA, I'LL CERTAINLY NEVER DO THAT!
I DIDN'T MEAN THAT, FLASH - THANK YOU FOR RESCUING ME!
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THE MOODY TEMPESTUOUS QUEEN TIGRA, THANKS FLASH FOR SAVING HER LIFE
THAT'S ALL RIGHT, TIGRA, I'D DO THAT FOR ANY WOMAN IN DANGER
HOW DARE YOU TALK ABOUT ME, AS IF I WERE "ANY WOMAN"? YOU FORGET THAT I'M QUEEN OF FORESTIA!
YOU'RE JUST A WOMAN AND IT'S TIME YOU KNEW IT! QUIT PLAYING GAMES WITH ME, YOU LITTLE SPITFIRE!
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YOU--WHY--WHAT AM I THINKING OF ? IT'S GETTING LATE. WE'D BETTER START FOR CAMP
OH-- YES, WE'D BETTER HURRY!

WITH THE BRIDGE DOWN, WE'LL HAVE TO GO AROUND THE LONG QUICKSAND. WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO MAKE CAMP BEFORE DARK!
AND YOU SAY THE FOREST IS DANGEROUS AT NIGHT--
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IF THIS TREE IS LONG ENOUGH TO BRIDGE THE QUICKSAND, WE'LL HAVE A SHORT-CUT!
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WE CAN JUMP FROM THE END TO SOLID LAND. HURRY, BEFORE THE TREE SINKS INTO THE QUICKSAND!
FLASH FEARLESSLY LEADS THE WAY ON THE TREE FELLED ACROSS THE TREACHEROUS QUICKSAND--
HURRY, TIGRA-- THE TREE IS SINKING FAST!
8-22
FOR VICTORY
BUY UNITED STATES WAR BONDS AND STAMPS
NO! IM GOING BACK! WE CAN'T MAKE IT!
FLASH CANNOT LEAVE THE QUEEN ALONE AMID THE FOREST DANGERS. ANGRILY, HE TURNS BACK.
YOU LITTLE FOOL IF THERE WERE ONLY TIME, I'D CARRY YOU ACROSS!
NEXT WEEK PERILS OF THE NIGHT!

IF YOU HADN'T GOT SCARED, WE'D BE SAFELY ACROSS THE QUICK-SAND BY NOW!
SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING TO YOUR CRAZY "BRIDGE" ALREADY. AS FOR BEING SCARED, WE'LL HAVE A CHANCE TO SEE WHO'S AFRAID TONIGHT IN THE FOREST YOU'VE NEVER BEEN IN MY FOREST AT NIGHT, HAVE YOU?
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DON'T WASTE TIME ARGUING. LET'S GET GOING TOWARD YOUR CAMP.
THIS WAY, FELLOW-- TAKE THE TREE-BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER
LISTEN, TIGRA, THERE'S NO USE OF QUARRELING WE MIGHT AS WELL BE FRIENDS, WHILE WE'RE TRYING TO REACH YOUR CAMP
I'M QUEEN TIGRA TO YOU, FELLOW, AND I CHOOSE MY OWN FRIENDS
WITH A DISPOSITION LIKE YOURS, MISS TIGER-CAT, HOW DO YOU KEEP THEM?
FOR VICTORY
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THE TEM-PESTUOUS QUEEN TIGRA IS SO ANGRY THAT SHE DOESN'T WATCH HER STEP
HOW DARE YOU? OH! I SLIPPED!
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HELP! I CAN'T SWIM!
KEEP AFLOAT, TIGRA!
THE CLEVER, CHANGEABLE, UNPREDICTABLE TREE-QUEEN MAKES USE OF HER ACCIDENT BY PRETENDING THAT SHE CAN'T SWIM!
OH, THANK YOU, FLASH!
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THE CAPRICIOUS QUEEN ENDS HER QUARREL WITH FLASH BY PRETENDING TO BE DROWNING-- THOUGH SHE CAN SWIM LIKE AN OTTER!
THANK YOU, FLASH-- YOU'RE VERY STRONG --PERHAPS THE STRONGEST MAN IN MY KINGDOM-- I THINK I'LL HAVE A TOURNAMENT SOMEDAY TO FIND OUT--
MAYBE I HAVE OTHER THINGS TO DO, BESIDES ENTERTAIN YOU, TIGRA!
THE FIRST THING YOU HAVE TO DO, MY FINE FRIEND, IS TO MAKE A CAMP THAT'LL BE SAFE AGAINST THE FOREST'S NIGHT-PROWLERS. IT'S STARTING TO GET DARK ALREADY!
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THE CAMPFIRES MUST BURN STRONGLY ALL NIGHT OR THE TREE-MONSTERS WILL ATTACK US
FLASH CUTS UP A FALLEN FORREST GIANT WITH HIS RAY-BEAM

THESE PRECAUTIONS SEEM PRETTY FAR-FETCHED FOR A NIGHT IN THE WOODS
YOU'LL NOT SAY THAT AFTER A NIGHT IN THESE WOODS, FLASH!
AS DARKNESS FALLS, FLASH SETS UP CAMP IN A HOLLOW SQUARE OF BLAZING FIRES.

I'LL STAND GUARD ALL NIGHT--
GOOD NIGHT, MY HERO
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ON GUARD AGAINST THE FOREST PERILS, FLASH WAITS TILL QUEEN TIGRA SEEMS TO BE ASLEEP, BEFORE TUNING-IN HIS MINI-RADIO--
CALLING DALE HELLO, -- DALE--
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WORRYING ABOUT FLASH'S SAFETY AND ABOUT HIS PLAN TO CATCH THE MYSTERIOUS TREE-GIRL, DALE LISTENS FOR HOURS ON THE ROCKET BOAT'S RADIO--
HELLO, DALE -- THIS IS FLASH...

DALE HEARS A WOMAN'S SCREAM -- A CRASH -- AND FLASH'S RADIO WAVE ABRUPTLY DIES OUT
FOR VICTORY
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NEXT WEEK: THE NIGHT-PROWLER!

BELIEVING QUEEN TIGRA IS ASLEEP, FLASH CALLS DALE ON HIS MINIRADIO.
HELLO, DALE-- THIS IS FLASH--
BUT THE CAT-LIKE QUEEN OF FORESTIA HAS HEARD EVERY SOUND--
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LOOK OUT, FLASH! SOMETHING'S COMING AFTER US!
PRETENDING TO SEE AN ATTACKING MONSTER OUTSIDE THE HOLLOW SQUARE OF THEIR CAMP-FIRES, TIGRA SCREAMS-- AND STUMBLES AGAINST FLASH'S RADIO TRANSMITTER !
LOOK-- GIANT EYES CREEPING UP ON US!
TIGRA SOUNDS A FAKE ALARM, WHEN SHE SPIES FLASH SENDING A MINIRADIO MESSAGE--
I DON'T SEE ANYTHING OUT HERE --LOOK OUT, YOU'RE STEPPING ON MY RADIO--
9-1
YOU LITTLE DEVIL, YOU DID THAT ON PURPOSE! QUEEN OR NO QUEEN, I OUGHT TO SPANK YOU WITHIN AN INCH OF YOUR LIFE!
DON'T YOU DARE TOUCH ME!
FOR VICTORY
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YOU SMASHED MY RADIO, YOU CUT ME OFF FROM DALE. I OUGHT TO TEACH YOU A LESSON, YOU SPOILED TIGER-CAT!
LET ME GO OR I'LL KILL YOU!

LOOK OUT BEHIND YOU--A PYTHO-SAUR!
IS THIS ANOTHER OF YOUR TRICKS?
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WITH AN EARTH-SHAKING ROAR, THE ARMORED PYTHOSAUR LAUNCHES IT'S LONG NECK TOWARD THE HUMAN "BAIT" WITHIN IT'S REACH.

HIDE CLOSE TO THE FIRES, TIGRA!
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FLASH'S RAY-BLASTS HARDLY EVEN SLOW DOWN THE RUTHLESS ATTACK OF THE SCALE-ARMORED PYTHOSAUR.
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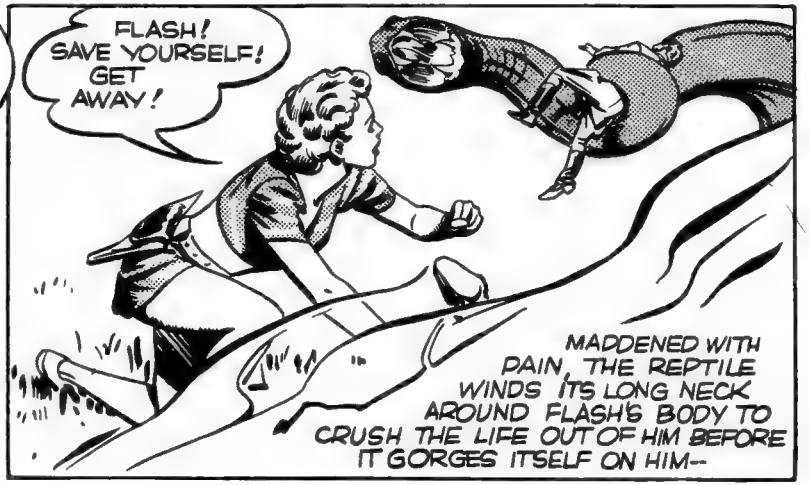
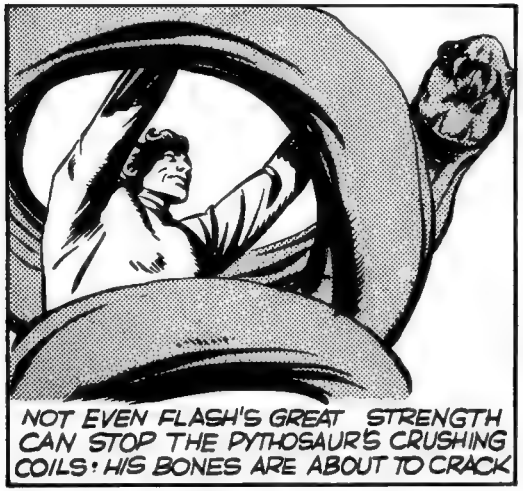
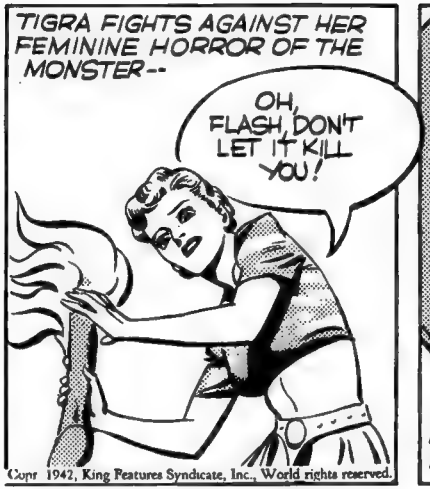

FLASH! SAVE YOURSELF! GET AWAY!
MADDENED WITH PAIN, THE REPTILE WINDS ITS LONG NECK AROUND FLASH'S BODY TO CRUSH THE LIFE OUT OF HIM BEFORE IT GORGES ITSELF ON HIM--


NOT EVEN FLASH'S GREAT STRENGTH CAN STOP THE PYTHOSAUR'S CRUSHING COILS! HIS BONES ARE ABOUT TO CRACK


TIGRA FIGHTS AGAINST HER FEMININE HORROR OF THE MONSTER--
OH, FLASH, DON'T LET IT KILL YOU!
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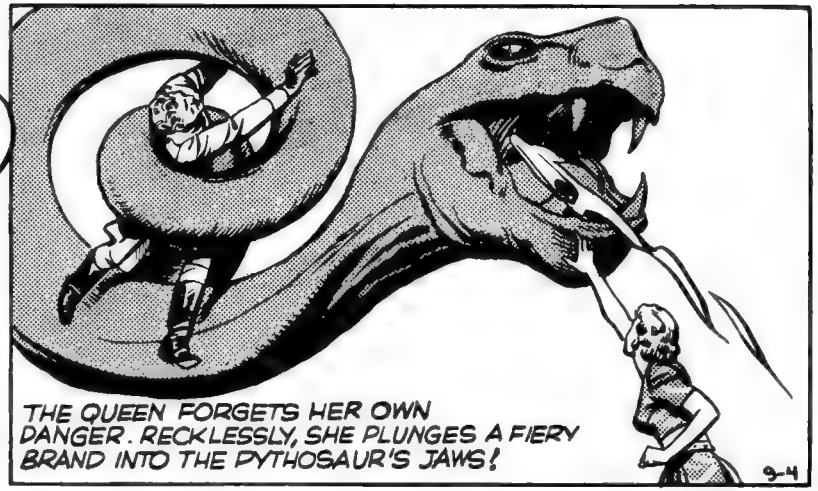
THE QUEEN FORGETS HER OWN DANGER. RECKLESSLY, SHE PLUNGES A FIERY BRAND INTO THE PYTHOSAUR'S JAWS!
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TIGRA'S DARING ATTACK GIVES FLASH A CHANCE TO FIGHT HIS WAY OUT OF THE MONSTER'S CLUTCHES--
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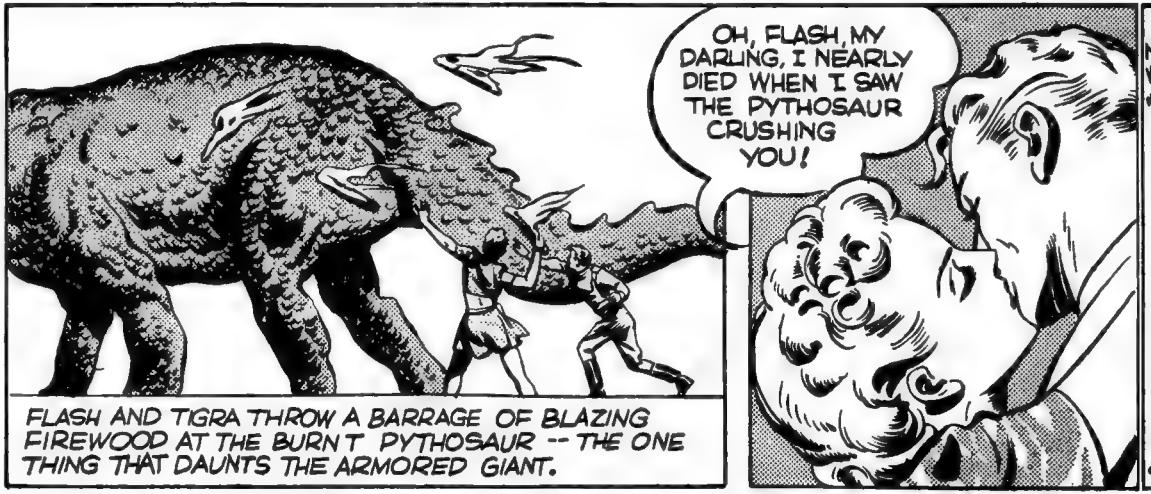
OH, FLASH, MY DARLING, I NEARLY DIED WHEN I SAW THE PYTHOSAUR CRUSHING YOU!
FLASH AND TIGRA THROW A BARRAGE OF BLAZING FIREWOOD AT THE BURNT PYTHOSAUR -- THE ONE THING THAT DAUNTS THE ARMORED GIANT.
NEXT WEEK "THE TIGRESS"
9-5

WHEN I SAW YOU IN DANGER, I KNEW HOW MUCH I LOVED YOU, FLASH!
AFTER THEIR ESCAPE FROM THE PYTHOSAUR, TIGRA'S REACTION IS TYPICAL OF HER WILD, FIERCE MOODS..
YOU GORGEOUS, CRAZY, LITTLE DEVIL--YOU'RE MORE DANGEROUS THAN ALL THE WILD ANIMALS IN YOUR KINGDOM!
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THIS IS MADNESS! WE MUST STOP THIS! COME ON, WE'D BETTER BUILD UP THE CAMPFIRES BEFORE ANOTHER MONSTER ATTACKS US!
ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT MONSTERS OR ME--OR THAT GIRL YOU HAD WITH YOU--- DALE?
ARE YOU AFRAID OF ME, MY FLASH, NOW THAT YOUV'E KISSED ME AT LAST?
NO, TIGRA-- I'M AFRAID OF MYSELF!
I THINK WE'LL FIND LIFE VERY INTERESTING, WHEN WE GET TO MY PALACE.
IF YOU DON'T GET BUSY AND HELP ME BUILD UP THESE CAMP-FIRES TO KEEP THE FOREST MONSTERS AWAY, YOU'LL FIND LIFE BOTH INTERESTING AND SHORT, RIGHT HERE!
9-8
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WE'RE RUNNING OUT OF FIREWOOD-- I'LL HAVE TO GO OUTSIDE AND GET SOME MORE TO LAST DURING THE NIGHT.
NO, YOU MUSTN'T VENTURE OUTSIDE. THE FOREST IS FULL OF MAN-EATERS!

THE FIRES ARE DYING DOWN, I'M GOING INTO THE FOREST FOR MORE WOOD. THE TORCH SHOULD KEEP THE ANIMALS AWAY.
OH, NO, DARLING-- IT'S TOO DANGEROUS--THE FIRES MAY LAST TILL MORNING!
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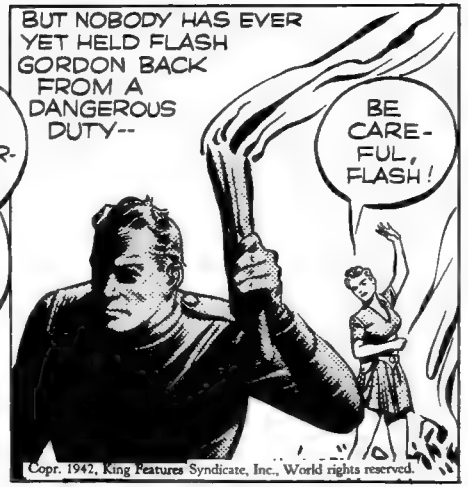
BUT NOBODY HAS EVER YET HELD FLASH GORDON BACK FROM A DANGEROUS DUTY--
BE CAREFUL, FLASH!
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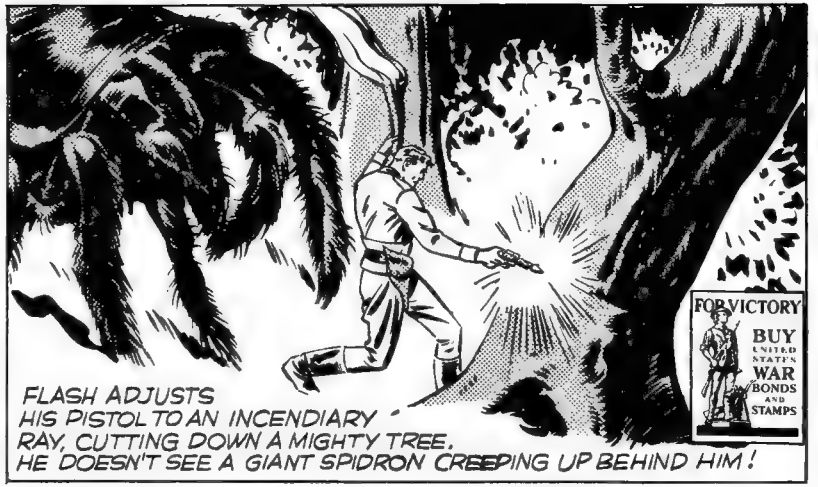
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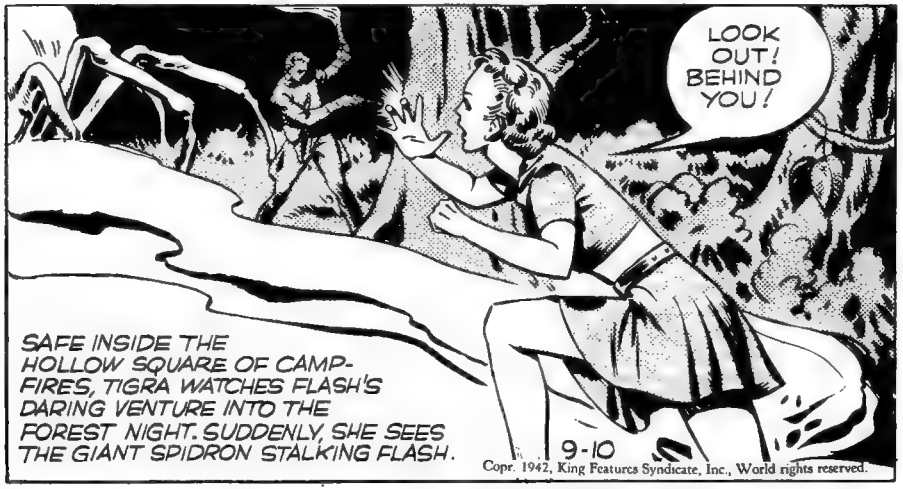
FLASH ADJUSTS HIS PISTOL TO AN INCENDIARY RAY, CUTTING DOWN A MIGHTY TREE. HE DOESN'T SEE A GIANT SPIDRON CREEPING UP BEHIND HIM!


LOOK OUT! BEHIND YOU!
SAFE INSIDE THE HOLLOW SQUARE OF CAMP-FIRES, TIGRA WATCHES FLASH'S DARING VENTURE INTO THE FOREST NIGHT. SUDDENLY, SHE SEES THE GIANT SPIDRON STALKING FLASH.
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HEEDLESS OF HER OWN PERIL, TIGRA SNATCHES A PIECE OF BLAZING WOOD FROM THE FIRE AND RUSHES TO HELP FLASH.

ATTACKED FROM BOTH SIDES, THE GIANT SPIDRON STILL THREATENS TO DESTROY ITS SMALL HUMAN FOES---

WHEN FLASH SEES THE INTREPID TIGRA VENTURING WITHIN THE SPIDRON'S REACH, HE INSTINCTIVELY LEAPS FORWARD WITH HIS INCENDIARY-RAY AIMED AT THE MONSTER'S EVIL HEAD.
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FLASH'S INCENDIARY RAY SETS THE GIANT SPIDRON AFIRE WITH A SUDDEN, HISSING EXPLOSION.
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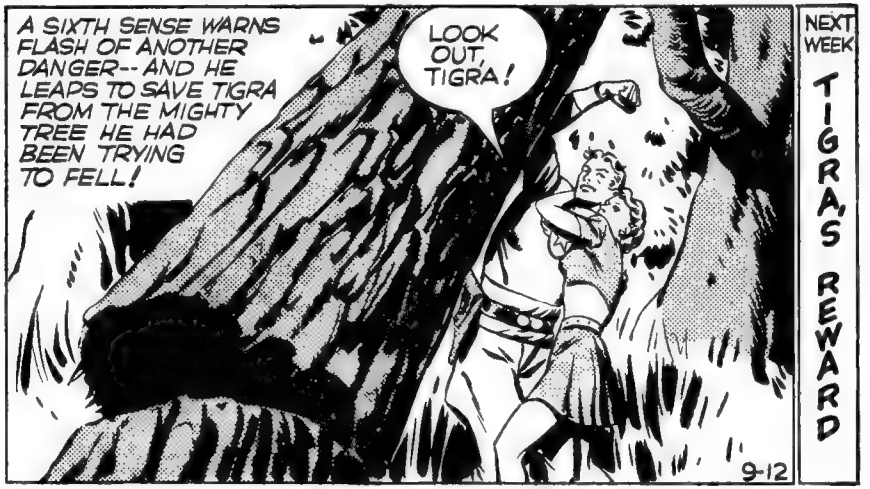
A SIXTH SENSE WARNS FLASH OF ANOTHER DANGER--AND HE LEAPS TO SAVE TIGRA FROM THE MIGHTY TREE HE HAD BEEN TRYING TO FELL!
LOOK OUT, TIGRA!
9-12
NEXT WEEK
TIGRA'S REWARD

FLASH LEAPS TO SAVE TIGRA FROM THE FALLING TREE
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THAT WAS QUICK WORK, FLASH - YOU'RE REALLY QUITE A MAN!
WELL, YOU'RE REALLY QUITE A WOMAN, TIGRA -- DARING TO COME OUT HERE AMONG THE NIGHT-PROWLING MONSTERS TO HELP ME!

TIGRA STANDS GUARD WHILE FLASH DRAGS THE FALLEN TREE INTO CAMP, TO FEED THE FIRES THAT DRIVE AWAY THE FOREST MONSTERS
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YOU'D BETTER GET SOME REST - I'LL STAND GUARD 'TIL MORNING TO SEE THAT NOTHING GETS PAST THE CAMP'S FIRES!
THANK YOU, MY HERO. I KNOW I'LL BE SAFE!

COME ON, TIGRA, IT'S DAY-BREAK -- TIME TO START TRAVEL-ING, IF WE WANT TO MAKE YOUR CAMP!

WE'VE SHARED A LOT OF DANGERS AL-READY, HAVEN'T WE, FLASH? I FEEL AS IF I KNEW YOU VERY WELL, INDEED....
AT LAST IT'S LIGHT ENOUGH TO LOOK FOR FLASH!
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MEANWHILE, NOT SO VERY FAR AWAY, ANOTHER WOMAN FACES THE DAWN WITH VERY DIFFERENT EMOTIONS-- DALE IS WORRIED SICK, BECAUSE SHE KNOWS FLASH WAS IN DEADLY PERIL WHEN HIS RADIO MESSAGE TO HER WAS ABRUPTLY BROKEN OFF....
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SKIMMING THE TOPS OF THE GIANT TREES, DALE GUIDES THE ROCKET-BOAT IN A DESPERATE SEARCH FOR FLASH-HOPING SHE'S NOT TOO LATE TO HELP HIM AGAINST THE UNKNOWN FOREST PERILS

DALE! HERE I AM....
FAR BELOW, FLASH HEARS THE FAMILIAR ROCKET-SOUND. HE RUNS OUT INTO A CLEARING....
9-17

BUT TIGRA PLANS A VERY DIFFERENT SORT OF WELCOME FOR THE OTHER WOMAN. SHE DRAWS HER GAS-GUN-

WHEN DALE'S ROCKET APPEARS ABOVE THE FOREST CLEARING, THE RUTHLESS QUEEN TIGRA FIRES HER GAS-GUN AT THE INTRUDER!

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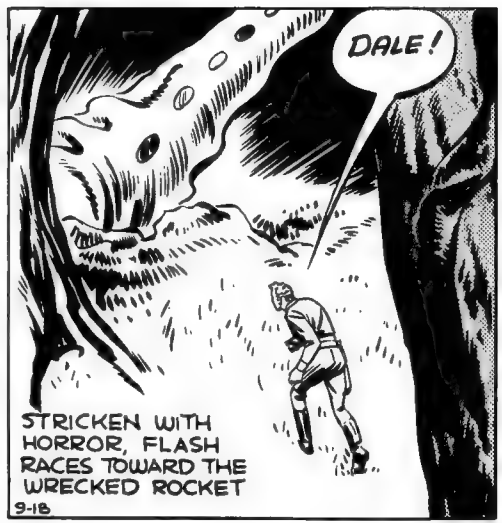

FLASH FORCES HIS WAY INTO THE WRECKED ROCKET-SHIP---AND TO HIS UTTER RELIEF HE FINDS DALE STILL ALIVE, BUT SHAKEN--

WHY, IT'S YOUR LITTLE FRIEND. WHAT A PITY-- BUT WE FORESTIANS ALWAYS SHOOT AT ANYTHING THAT FLIES OVER OUR COUNTRY!
YOU SHOT HER DOWN DE-LIBERATELY, YOU JEALOUS TIGER-CAT!

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WATCH YOUR TONGUE, FLASH. WHO ARE YOU TO QUESTION THE QUEEN? REMEMBER, YOU ARE ALONE IN MY COUNTRY
BY AN UTMOST EFFORT OF WILL, FLASH SAYS NOTHING. HE KNOWS HE MUST KEEP FROM AN OPEN BREAK WITH THE FIERCE TIGRA, WHILE DALE IS HELPLESS AND IN HER POWER

NEXT WEEK THE FOREST PALACE

THAT WAS A MEAN CRASH-LANDING, DALE. ARE YOU SURE YOU FEEL ALL RIGHT?
YES, NOW THAT I'M OVER THE SHOCK- HOW DID IT HAPPEN? IT SEEMED AS IF SOMEONE WERE SHOOTING AT ME!
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YES. THIS IS QUEEN TIGRA OF FORESTIA- SHE THOUGHT YOU WERE AN ENEMY AND SHOT YOU DOWN BY MISTAKE
OH, WAS IT JUST A MISTAKE?
I WONDER, TOO!
9-21
HURRY, MY FLASH. WE MUST MAKE MY CAMP BEFORE NIGHT
WHILE THE TWO WOMEN FACE EACH OTHER WITH ILL-CONCEALED HOSTILITY, FLASH SEARCHES THE WRECK OF THE ROCKET-SHIP FOR ANYTHING PORTABLE THAT MAY BE USEFUL IN THIS STRANGE, HOSTILE LAND.
HURRY, LITTLE DALE-- YOU WOULDN'T LIKE TO SPEND A NIGHT IN THIS DANGEROUS FOREST, FIGHTING OFF THE PROWLING MONSTERS, AS FLASH AND I DID!
TIGRA SETS SUCH A STIFF PACE THROUGH HER NATIVE TREE-HIGHWAYS THAT FLASH HAS TO HELP DALE KEEP UP
9-22
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WOMAN-LIKE, THE FOREST QUEEN DOES EVERY THING POSSIBLE TO MAKE DALE JEALOUS ENOUGH TO QUARREL WITH FLASH----
DALE WISELY TRIES TO HIDE HER EMOTIONS
YOU'RE REALLY A SPLENDID ADDITION TO THE COURT OF FORESTIA, FLASH! WE SHOULD HAVE AN INTERESTING TIME

YOU'VE PROVED SO BRAVE, FLASH, THAT I'VE REALLY GROWN QUITE FOND OF YOU!
WE'VE WATCHED A LOT OF FOOLISH WOMEN FALL HOPELESSLY IN LOVE WITH YOU, HAVEN'T WE, FLASH?
FLASH WATCHES WITH GROWING CONCERN, AS DALE AND TIGRA SHOW THEIR FEMININE CLAWS.
9-23
THAT'S ENOUGH OUT OF BOTH OF YOU- LET ME REMIND YOU THAT WE'RE IN A FOREST FULL OF WILD ANIMALS AND WE'LL HAVE TO HURRY TO REACH THE CAMP BEFORE NIGHT-FALL!
WELL?
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WELCOME TO MY HUNTING-LODGE
FLASH SETS A SWIFT PACE TO KEEP THE WOMEN FROM QUARRELING--HOURS LATER THEY SIGHT TIGRA'S PALATIAL "CAMP"
THE GATE OF QUEEN TIGRA'S HUNTING-CAMP SWINGS OPEN FOR A WELCOMING GUARD OF HONOR
I WAS ABOUT TO SEARCH FOR YOU, YOUR MAJESTY!
YOU NEED NOT WORRY ABOUT ME, PRINCE CUGAR--YOU SHOULD KNOW I CAN TAKE CARE OF MYSELF WITH ANY MAN OR FOREST MONSTER
9-24
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WHO ARE THESE INTRUDERS?
FOR THE PRESENT, WE CAN CALL THEM MY GUESTS!

THERE ARE YOUR QUARTERS, STRANGERS!
DON'T MIND OUR ESCORT'S MANNERS, DALE-- APPARENTLY THEY DON'T HAVE MANY VISITORS!
HOSTILELY, THE QUEEN'S BODYGUARD, PRINCE CUGAR, LEADS THE WAY INTO TIGRA'S FOREST CAMP----

IF YOU THINK YOU CAN GIVE ME A LESSON IN MANNERS, STRANGER, NAME YOUR WEAPON!
I'M AT YOUR SERVICE, MY FRIEND!
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THAT WILL DO, CUGAR-NONE OF YOUR FINE SWORDPLAY-- AT LEAST, NOT YET! THESE ARE STILL MY GUESTS---- AND NOW, FLASH, WILL YOU JOIN ME FOR DINNER?
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I WON'T GO TO DINNER WITH THAT TIGRA, FLASH- SHE DIDN'T INVITE ME...
SHE SAID WE WERE HER GUESTS, AND YOU MUST COME- I WON'T GO WITHOUT YOU- WE MUST ALWAYS OUT-BLUFF HER!
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WE MUST ACCEPT TIGRA'S CHALLENGE- I'VE FOUND THAT THE ONE THING SHE RESPECTS IS BOLDNESS
YOU'VE CERTAINLY LEARNED A LOT ABOUT HER IN THE SHORT TIME YOU'VE KNOWN HER!

OF COURSE, YOU WERE EXPECTING BOTH OF US FOR DINNER
OF COURSE- CUGAR, HAVE THEM SET ANOTHER PLACE AT THE TABLE!
FATTENING THEM FOR EXECUTION, YOUR MAJESTY?
NEXT WEEK: TIGRA'S GUESTS--OR PRISONERS ???

AT THE BANQUET TABLE, FLASH IS QUICKER THAN PRINCE CUGAR IN SEATING QUEEN TIGRA IN THE ROYAL CHAIR
QUEEN TIGRA DISLIKES YOU. THAT'S THE SAME AS A DEATH SENTENCE, DALE-- UNLESS YOU'RE NICE TO ME AND I DECIDE TO HELP YOU!
DALE TRIES HARD TO CONVINCE HERSELF THAT FLASH IS JUST PLAYING A CLEVER GAME WITH THE QUEEN----
I WON'T BARGAIN FOR YOUR HELP, CUGAR- FLASH WILL TAKE CARE OF ME!
YOU FOOL, DO YOU SUPPOSE HE EVEN REMEMBERS YOU, AFTER QUEEN TIGRA ?
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FLASH AND TIGRA SEEM ABSORBED IN A PRIVATE CONVERSATION--
WHY DID YOU COME TO FORESTIA?
BEFORE I TELL YOU, I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING-
WHY, THAT'S MY LOST LIPSTICK- WHERE DID YOU FIND IT ?
IN THE ABANDONED SHIP OF ONE OF THE THREE AMBASSADORS WHO CAME HERE BEFORE ME-- AND DISAPPEARED!
SO YOU ARE SPYING ON ME! ANOTHER FOOL FROM MONGO! ALL RIGHT, I'LL TELL YOU! I BROUGHT THEM HERE, AND THEY DIED HERE, AS YOU WILL DIE!
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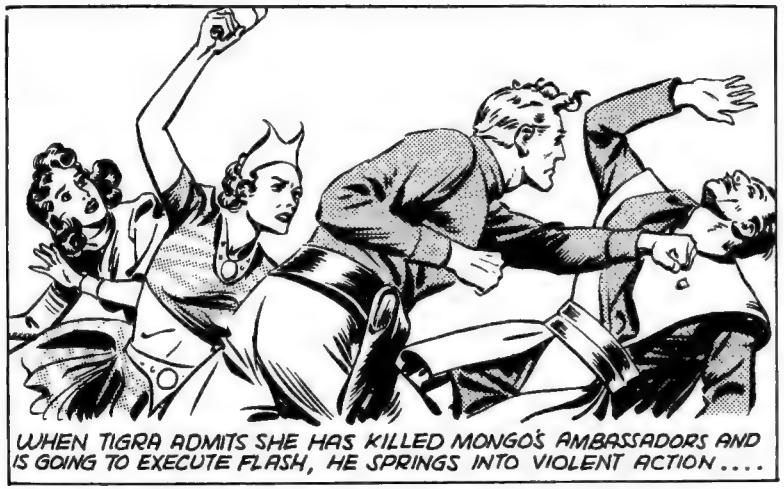
WHEN TIGRA ADMITS SHE HAS KILLED MONGO'S AMBASSADORS AND IS GOING TO EXECUTE FLASH, HE SPRINGS INTO VIOLENT ACTION....

DALE IS NO MATCH FOR TIGRA'S FOREST-TRAINED MUSCLES AND FIERCE TEMPER.
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DON'T CALL YOUR GUARDS, TIGRA, OR THIS MIGHT GO OFF! YOU'RE GOING TO GET DALE AND ME SAFELY OUT OF HERE!
9-30

TO SAVE DALE, FLASH THREATENS QUEEN TIGRA, THOUGH HE KNOWS HE COULD NEVER HURT A WOMAN.

BUT A PALACE SERVANT HAS SPREAD THE ALARM!
HELP! GUARDS! SAVE QUEEN TIGRA!
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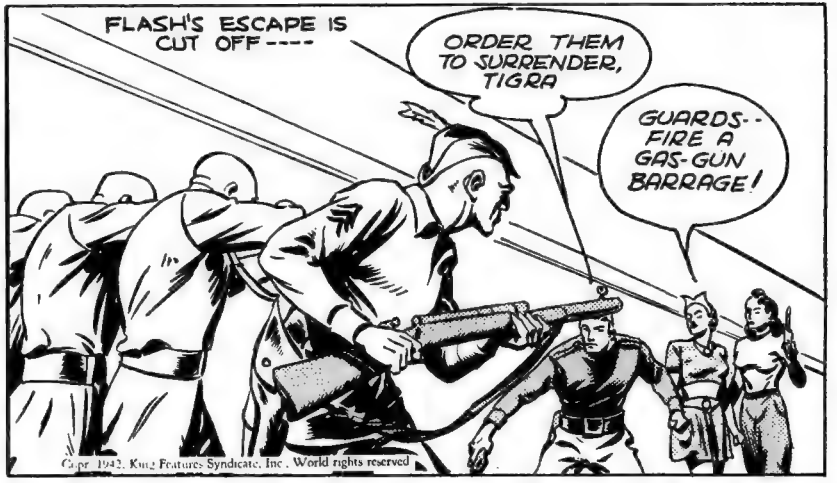
FLASH'S ESCAPE IS CUT OFF----
ORDER THEM TO SURRENDER, TIGRA
GUARDS--FIRE A GAS-GUN BARRAGE!
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FLASH DARINGLY TRIES TO USE THE QUEEN AS A HOSTAGE, SO HE CAN GET DALE TO SAFETY, BUT THE FIERCE TIGRA ORDERS HER GUARDS TO FIRE THEIR GAS-SPRAY WEAPONS!
10-R
TIGRA IS QUICKLY REVIVED!
THANK TAO, WE RESCUED YOU!
A LOT YOU HAD TO DO WITH IT!
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TIE THEM UP AND REVIVE THEM!

BOUND CUNNINGLY AND WELL, FLASH IS REVIVED--TO FACE THE OUTRAGED WRATH OF QUEEN TIGRA
YOU'LL PAY WITH YOUR LIFE FOR DARING TO DEFY THE QUEEN OF FORESTIA!
THAT MAN STRUCK ME, A PRINCE OF FORESTIA! I DEMAND TO FACE HIM IN THE TOURNAMENT DUEL!
GOOD, CUGAR. HIS DEATH WILL MAKE AN ENJOYABLE SPECTACLE. DON'T KILL HIM TOO QUICKLY!
NEXT WEEK: TOURNAMENT OF HORRORS!
DON'T WORRY, TIGRA. I'LL SEE THAT HE DOESN'T!
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MAKE HIM PAY FOR HIS INSOLENCE, PRINCE CUGAR.
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QUEEN TIGRA SENTENCES FLASH TO A "TOURNAMENT DUEL"
SERGEANT FIDOR, GUARD THE PRISONER, FLASH. WHEN HE LEARNS WHAT THE DUEL IS LIKE HE MAY TRY TO RUN AWAY.
ANYBODY WOULD WANT TO RUN THEN, YOUR MAJESTY!
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ALL I WANT IS A FAIR FIGHT OF ANY KIND.
NO SUCH LUCK. THE TOURNAMENT DUEL IS FRAMED SO YOU'LL NEVER HAVE A CHANCE IN ANY OF THE DUELS, EVEN IF YOU SURVIVE A COUPLE OF 'EM. I'M SORRY FOR YOU, STRANGER.
I THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO SEE FLASH'S LAST MOMENTS, DALE.
YOU'RE JEALOUS, BECAUSE YOU COULDN'T WIN HIM!
THE ROYAL BOX IS SET UP FOR THE "TOURNAMENT DUEL", FORESTIA'S CRUEL METHOD OF TURNING AN EXECUTION INTO AN EXHIBITION OF BRUTALITY!
THIS IS THE FIRST--AND FAIREST... DUEL. YOUR SWORD IS PADDED. PRINCE CUGAR'S IS RAZOR-SHARP, BUT IF HE CAN'T KILL YOU WITHIN AN HOUR, YOU WIN THE ROUND AND GO ON TO THE NEXT!
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR SPORTSMANSHIP, TIGRA! I AGREE THAT YOUR CHAMPION, CUGAR, NEEDS THIS MUCH OF A HANDICAP FOR AN EVEN FIGHT!
INSOLENT FOOL! I HOPE YOU DIE MOST PAINFULLY!
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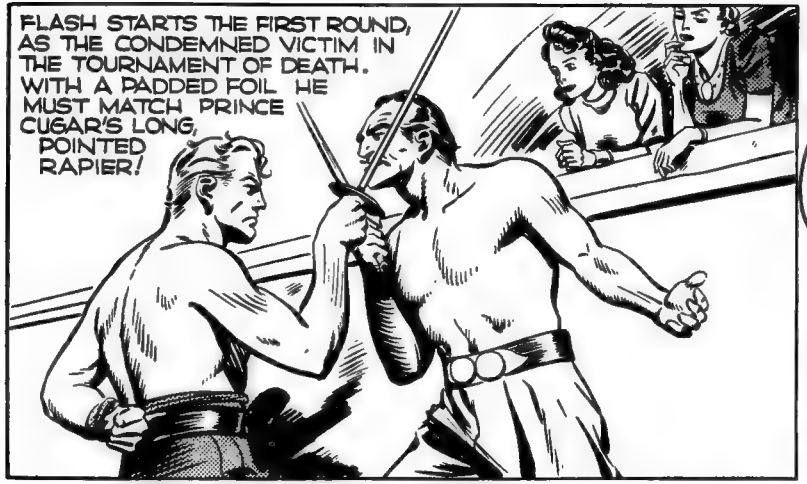
FLASH STARTS THE FIRST ROUND, AS THE CONDEMNED VICTIM IN THE TOURNAMENT OF DEATH. WITH A PADDED FOIL HE MUST MATCH PRINCE CUGAR'S LONG, POINTED RAPIER!

FLASH COOLLY TRIES OUT HIS OPPONENT'S SWORDSMANSHIP, AS IF THIS WERE A FRIENDLY PRACTICE MATCH....
VERY NEAT PARRY, CUGAR--- BUT I'LL GIVE YOU A LESSON YET!
YOU WON'T LIVE LONG ENOUGH, YOU FOOL!
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STOP THIS UNFAIR DUEL! HOW CAN FLASH HOPE TO WIN WITH A PADDED SWORD?
OF COURSE, HE CAN'T WIN. HE'S CONDEMNED TO DIE--IT'S AN AMUSING EXECUTION!
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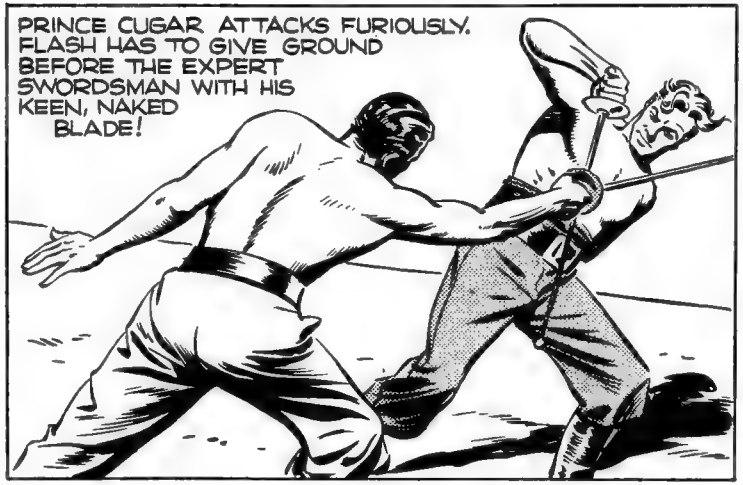
PRINCE CUGAR ATTACKS FURIOUSLY. FLASH HAS TO GIVE GROUND BEFORE THE EXPERT SWORDSMAN WITH HIS KEEN, NAKED BLADE!

FLASH TRIPS OVER A BUMP ON THE ARENA FLOOR---AND CUGAR LUNGES VICIOUSLY, NARROWLY MISSING THE HEART!

FIGHTING WITH A PADDED BUTTON ON HIS SWORD, FLASH IS WOUNDED BY PRINCE CUGAR'S NAKED BLADE.

CUGAR PUSHES HIS ATTACK, SURE THAT FLASH WILL GROW STEADILY WEAKER FROM LOSS OF BLOOD!
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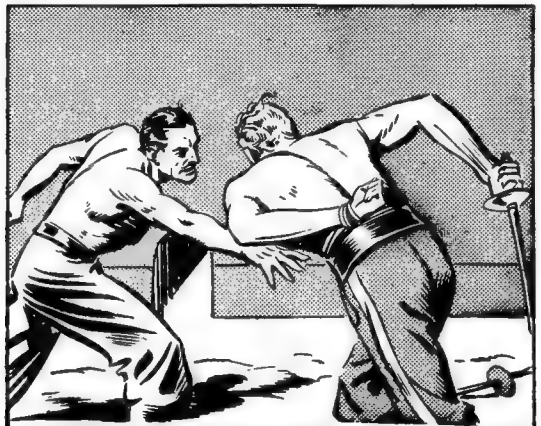
CUGAR IS TRICKED INTO CARELESSLY LETTING HIS POINT SLIDE CLOSE TO FLASH'S HILT. FLASH SWIFTLY SPINS HIS SWORD---AND CUGAR'S WEAPON IS TORN FROM HIS GRASP!



FLASH'S SKILLED SWORDSMANSHIP SNATCHES CUGAR'S WEAPON OUT OF HIS GRASP!

TAKE MY FOIL, CUGAR, AND SEE HOW LONG YOU CAN HOLD ME OFF, NOW THAT I HAVE A REAL WEAPON!
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NEXT WEEK, THE SECOND DEADLY DUEL...

QUEEN TIGRA INTERRUPTS THE TOURNAMENT OF DEATH, WHEN FLASH WINS THE ADVANTAGE.

I SHOULD RUN YOU THROUGH, FOR YOUR INSOLENCE---BUT CUGAR WILL DO THAT FOR ME AGAIN!
FLASH, MY BRAVE DARLING-- MAKE THEM TAKE CARE OF YOUR WOUNDED SHOULDER!
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PRINCE CUGAR, ARE YOU READY TO GO ON WITH THE NEXT COMBAT OR DO YOU WANT TO REST?
I'M IN A HURRY TO FINISH THE JOB! BESIDES, THAT WOUND WILL KEEP WEAKENING HIM!
GOOD SPORT, EH?
10-12

BUT FLASH IS WOUNDED! GIVE HIM TIME TO REST AND RECOVER! THIS ISN'T FAIR-- HE DOESN'T HAVE A CHANCE!
HE ISN'T SUPPOSED TO---HE IS DOOMED. THESE DUELS ARE ONLY FOR MY ENTERTAINMENT!
I BEG YOU TO SPARE HIM, YOUR MAJESTY. I'LL GIVE HIM UP. KILL ME INSTEAD! I CAN'T BEAR TO SEE HIM SUFFER!
HE CAN NEVER SUFFER ENOUGH, AFTER INSULTINGLY REFUSING MY LOVE. NOW WE SHALL SEE HOW HE SURVIVES THE TARGET COMBAT!
CUGAR'S PISTOL HAS HALF-POWER CHARGES. THEY'LL BLOW OFF AN ARM OR A LEG, BUT THEY WON'T SMASH THIS STEELITE SHIELD. IF YOU DODGE EVERY BLAST WITH YOUR SHIELD TILL HIS GUN IS EMPTY, YOU CAN LIVE TO GO ON TO THE NEXT BATTLE!
TIGRA DOESN'T WANT TO MAKE IT TOO EASY FOR ME, DOES SHE?
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10-13

DANCE
BLAST YOU! LET'S SEE HOW LONG YOU CAN DODGE!
THE ARENA IS CLEARED FOR THE NEXT ROUND OF THE ONE-SIDED TOURNAMENT. CUGAR BLASTS THE RAY-GUN AT HIS UNARMED FOE.
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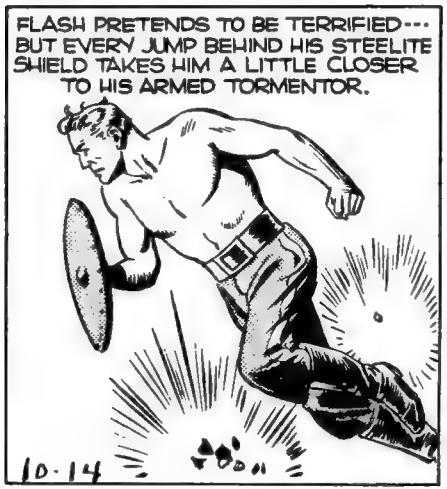
FLASH PRETENDS TO BE TERRIFIED--- BUT EVERY JUMP BEHIND HIS STEELITE SHIELD TAKES HIM A LITTLE CLOSER TO HIS ARMED TORMENTOR.
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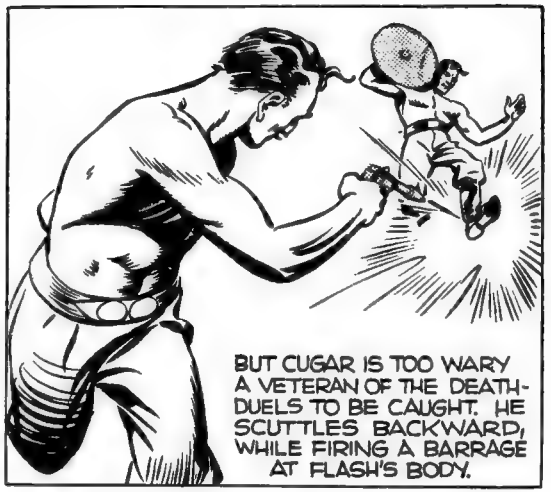
BUT CUGAR IS TOO WARY A VETERAN OF THE DEATH-DUELS TO BE CAUGHT. HE SCUTTLES BACKWARD, WHILE FIRING A BARRAGE AT FLASH'S BODY.

FLASH IS DOWN! TAO HELP HIM! THAT RAY-BARRAGE WILL BLOW HIM TO PIECES!
NO, HE'S TRYING TO COVER HIMSELF WITH THE SHIELD-- BUT CUGAR KNOWS THE ANSWER TO THAT TRICK!

IT SEEMS THAT FLASH'S ONLY HOPE IS THAT CUGAR WILL WASTE ALL HIS RAY-POWER BEFORE HE HITS A VITAL SPOT IN HIS UNARMED FOE.

YOU CAN'T CIRCLE FAST ENOUGH TO KEEP BEHIND THAT SHIELD! I'VE GOT YOU NOW!
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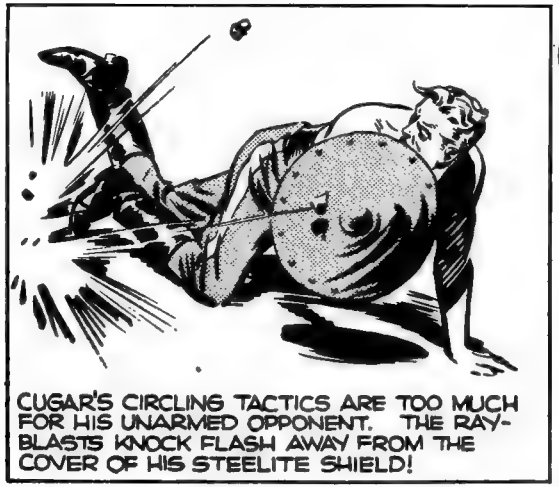
CUGAR'S CIRCLING TACTICS ARE TOO MUCH FOR HIS UNARMED OPPONENT. THE RAY-BLASTS KNOCK FLASH AWAY FROM THE COVER OF HIS STEELITE SHIELD!

I'M TIRED OF BEING A TARGET! I'M GOING TO ATTACK!
YOU FOOL, I'VE GOT YOU NOW-- YOUR SHIELD CAN'T COVER A RUNNING MAN!
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BUT FLASH HAS PLANNED HIS ATTACK WITH LIGHTNING STRATEGY. HURLING HIS SHIELD LIKE A GIANT DISCUS, HE FOLLOWS IT WITH A FOOTBALL TACKLE.
10-16

NOW WE'RE ON EVEN TERMS, CUGAR! COME ON AND FIGHT IT OUT!

GUARDS! SEIZE FLASH!
BUT VENGEFUL QUEEN TIGRA IS DETERMINED TO HAVE HER TOURNAMENT END IN A FATAL DEFEAT FOR FLASH.
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I WANT THE DOCTORS TO FIX ME UP BEFORE THE NEXT COMBAT.
BY ALL MEANS, CUGAR--- ANYTHING, SO THAT YOU MAKE A BETTER SHOWING, AND WE MIGHT AS WELL PATCH FLASH UP, TOO.
10-17
NEXT WEEK: THE DAGGER OF DOOM!

YOU MAY COME TO THE HOSPITAL WITH ME. IT WILL AMUSE ME TO WATCH YOU AND FLASH---SINCE HE IS TO DIE SO SOON IN THE TOURNAMENT DUEL.
YOU CRUEL, JEALOUS TIGER-CAT! YOU KNOW PRINCE CUGAR COULD NEVER TOUCH FLASH, IF THEY MET ON EVEN TERMS.
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OH, FLASH, MY DARLING --DON'T LET THEM BEAT YOU!
I'LL DO MY BEST, DALE, AND THAT GOOD SPORT, TIGRA, WILL DO HER BEST TO FIGURE OUT A FRAME-UP FOR CUGAR!
YOU CAN'T TRICK ME INTO GIVING YOU A BREAK, FLASH GORDON!
TAKE MY DAGGER FOR THE NEXT COMBAT, PRINCE CUGAR!
I SHALL, FOR YOUR PLEASURE-AND MY OWN!
10-19
THIS ORDEAL USUALLY FINISHES OFF THE CONDEMNED MAN. YOU HAVE ONE FREE HAND TO FIGHT OFF PRINCE CUGAR, ARMED WITH THE RAZOR-EDGED DAGGER OF DOOM!
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YOU HAVE MY ROYAL PERMISSION TO FINISH HIM OFF IN THIS CONTEST, CUGAR.
THANK YOU, QUEEN TIGRA!
YOU'VE FORGOTTEN SOMETHING, HERO. YOU DIDN'T ASK MY PERMISSION!
I'LL SHOW YOU HOW MUCH I NEED YOUR PERMISSION!
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CUGAR ATTACKS FLASH WITH HIS RAZOR-EDGED DAGGER!
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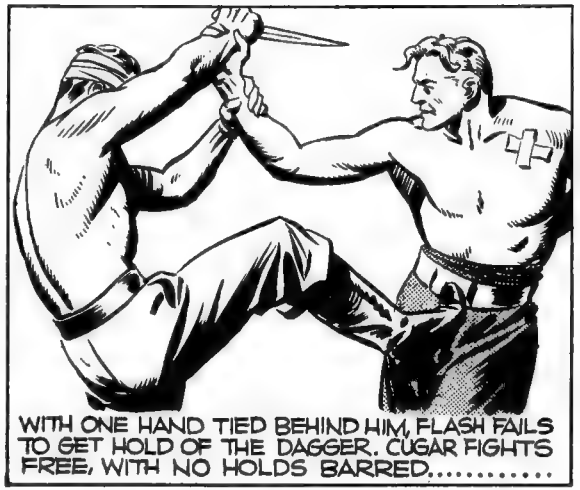
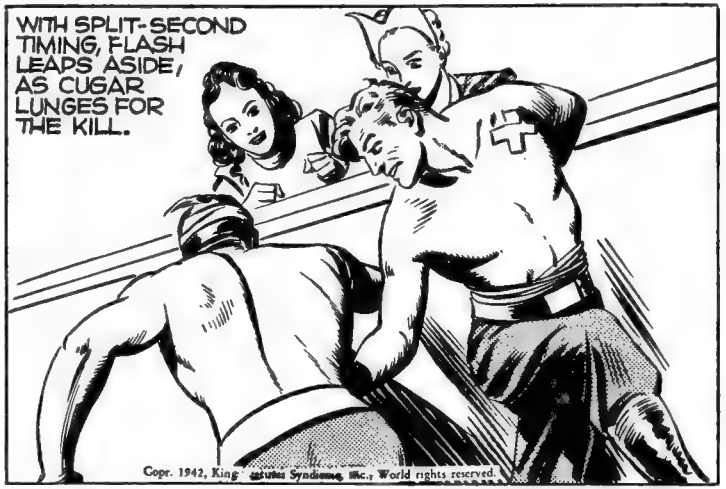

WITH ONE HAND TIED BEHIND HIM, FLASH FAILS TO GET HOLD OF THE DAGGER. CUGAR FIGHTS FREE, WITH NO HOLDS BARRED.....

I WANTED TO GIVE YOU A CLOSE-UP OF THE EXECUTION, QUEEN TIGRA!
FIRST CATCH YOUR RABBIT, BEFORE YOU SKIN HIM, HERO!
MORE CAUTIOUS NOW, CUGAR LUNGES LIKE A SWORDSMAN TO FORCE HIS UNARMED FOE AGAINST THE WALL.

COME ON, HERO. WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR? WANT ME TO TIE MY OTHER HAND BEHIND MY BACK, TOO?
UNARMED AGAINST CUGAR'S DAGGER, FLASH KNOWS HIS ONLY CHANCE IS TO TAUNT HIS FOE INTO A CARELESS MOVE.....


WITH SPLIT-SECOND TIMING, FLASH LEAPS ASIDE, AS CUGAR LUNGES FOR THE KILL.
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AS CUGAR TRIES TO PULL THE DAGGER OUT OF THE WALL, HE FAILS TO WATCH HIS UNARMED OPPONENENT.

WHILE CUGAR TRIES TO PULL THE DAGGER OUT OF THE WALL, FLASH GOES STRAIGHT FOR HIS ENEMY.
DAZED AND FRIGHTENED, CUGAR RUNS FROM HIS ONE-ARMED OPPONENT!
GUARDS! STOP THE CONTEST!
AS THE ADVANTAGE FAVORS FLASH, QUEEN TIGRA, IN A RAGE OF BITTER DISAPPOINTMENT, STOPS THE CONTEST.
10-23
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BUT IT ISN'T FAIR! YOU STOP THE TOURNAMENT EVERY TIME FLASH HAS A CHANCE!
HE'S IN MY POWER AND I'LL NEVER SPARE HIM!
YOU DON'T KNOW IT, BUT YOU'RE IN MY POWER NOW---AND I'LL SPARE YOU. WATCH THE RAIL OF THE BOX JUST IN FRONT OF YOU---AND REMEMBER, IT COULD JUST AS EASILY BE YOUR TREACHEROUS HEART!
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10-24
YOU INSOLENT DEVIL, I HATE YOU FOR THAT! I'LL BREAK YOUR SPIRIT---I'LL MAKE YOU BEG FOR MERCY!
NEXT WEEK: THE BLUDGEON OF FATE!

TIGRA'S GUARDS CLOSE IN ON FLASH ---WITH A HEALTHY RESPECT FOR HIS FIGHTING PROWESS---
WHY DIDN'T YOU LET THE DUEL CONTINUE TO THE END, TIGRA? ARE YOU SO AFRAID CUGAR WILL LOSE?
10-R6
THAT TRICK WON'T WORK, FLASH. YOU CAN'T TAUNT ME INTO GIVING YOU AN EVEN CHANCE. I MAKE THE RULES TO SUIT MYSELF.
OH, FLASH, WHY MUST YOU BE SO STUBBORN? WHY DON'T YOU GIVE UP AND BEG ME FOR YOUR LIFE? I MIGHT BE KIND TO SUCH A BRAVE AND HANDSOME MAN.
I GUESS I JUST DON'T KNOW HOW TO BEG, TIGRA.
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I WARN YOU, NO MAN HAS EVER ESCAPED HIS FATE IN THE LAST DUEL. YOUR HANDS AND FEET WILL BE SHACKLED TO A POST, WHILE CUGAR WILL HAVE A SWORD---
DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GIVING YOUR CHAMP A FAIR CHANCE YET?
10-R7
I SHOULD EXECUTE YOU FOR YOUR INSOLENCE! --BUT I'LL GIVE YOU ONE LAST CHANCE, WILL YOU SWEAR TO BE MY LOYAL SUBJECT AND SLAVE?
I'D RATHER DIE A FREE MAN!
TAKE HIM TO THE ARMORY AND SHACKLE HIM FOR THE FATAL DUEL! PRINCE CUGAR, SEE THAT YOUR SWORD IS SHARP.
IT WILL BE THE HAPPIEST MOMENT OF MY LIFE, MY QUEEN!
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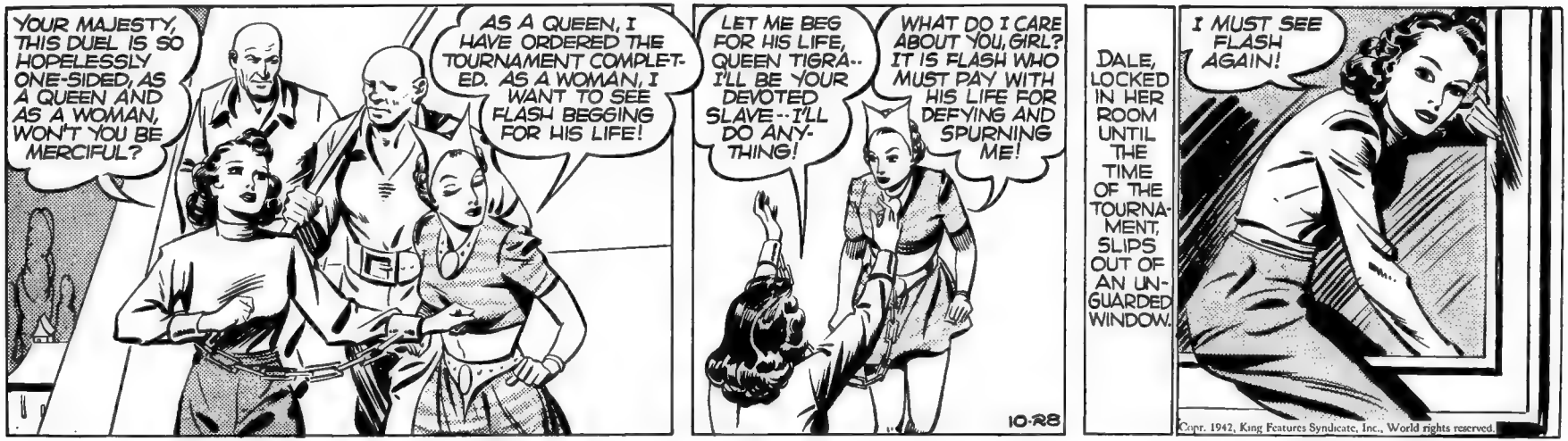
YOUR MAJESTY, THIS DUEL IS SO HOPELESSLY ONE-SIDED, AS A QUEEN AND AS A WOMAN, WON'T YOU BE MERCIFUL?
AS A QUEEN, I HAVE ORDERED THE TOURNAMENT COMPLETED. AS A WOMAN, I WANT TO SEE FLASH BEGGING FOR HIS LIFE!
LET ME BEG FOR HIS LIFE, QUEEN TIGRA-- I'LL BE YOUR DEVOTED SLAVE--I'LL DO ANYTHING!
WHAT DO I CARE ABOUT YOU, GIRL? IT IS FLASH WHO MUST PAY WITH HIS LIFE FOR DEFYING AND SPURNING ME!
10-28
DALE, LOCKED IN HER ROOM UNTIL THE TIME OF THE TOURNAMENT, SLIPS OUT OF AN UNGUARDED WINDOW.
I MUST SEE FLASH AGAIN!
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TIGRA ORDERED HIM TO BE TAKEN TO THE ARMORY--THIS MUST BE IT!
DALE, UNGUARDED AND FORGOTTEN, TRIES TO FIND FLASH --TO HELP HIM OR BID HIM A LAST FAREWELL BEFORE THE FATAL DUEL.
I GOT YOU! WHAT ARE YOU SNEAKING AROUND HERE FOR?---BY TAO'S WHISKERS, IT'S FLASH'S GIRL, DALE!
WHOEVER YOU ARE, WON'T YOU LET ME SEE HIM?
I'M SERGEANT FIDOR, MA'AM, AND IT'D COST ME MY LIFE TO LET YOU SEE HIM!
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THERE ARE TOO MANY OTHER GUARDS---BUT I CAN'T HELP ADMIRING FLASH'S BRAVERY AND FOR HIS SAKE I'LL LET YOU ESCAPE! GET GOING, GIRL! I'LL TELL HIM YOU TRIED TO SEE HIM.
10-29

FLASH IS TOO WELL-GUARDED-- DALE CANNOT GET TO HIM.
I HATE TO DO THIS, BUT IT'S FLASH'S LAST CHANCE..
OH, PRINCE CUGAR, ARE YOU THERE?
PLEASE, PRINCE, DON'T GO ON WITH THIS UNFAIR TOURNAMENT. IT'S JUST PLAIN MURDER!
NOT MURDER, BUT AN EXECUTION... AND A PLEASURE!
YOU SAID ONCE THAT YOU'D HELP ME IF I'D ONLY ASK YOU!
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IF I GIVE UP FLASH FOR YOU, WILL YOU SPARE HIS LIFE?
YES--- I GUESS YOU'RE WORTH IT!
10-30
ONLY THE THOUGHT OF FLASH'S DANGER CAN MAKE DALE BEAR THE TOUCH OF THE "LADY-KILLING" PRINCE.
YOUR MAJESTY, I AM SPARING THE LIFE OF MY OPPONENT. I RESIGN FROM THE TOURNAMENT DUEL.
WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS, CUGAR? ARE YOU AFRAID OF FLASH? I WON'T LET YOU LOSE..
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TIGRA KNOWS CUGAR'S WEAKNESSES SO WELL THAT SHE GUESSES THE TRUTH!
SO THIS GIRL TRIED TO BRIBE YOU? WELL, I FORBID YOU TO STOP! PROCEED, OR I'LL HAVE YOU BOTH EXECUTED!
FLASH INDIGNANTLY REJECTS DALE'S SACRIFICE.
COME ON AND FIGHT IT OUT, YOU YELLOW LADY-KILLER! HOW DARE YOU EVEN TOUCH DALE!!
NEXT WEEK: THE FINAL DUEL!

FLASH INSISTS THAT CUGAR GO ON WITH THE TOURNAMENT-DUEL----
I'LL NOT HIDE BEHIND A WOMAN'S SKIRTS!
YOU DARED TO SLAP ME, A PRINCE OF FORESTIA? I'LL GET YOU FOR THAT!

THAT'S THE PROPER SPIRIT, CUGAR. FINISH THE TOURNEY IN A BLAZE OF GLORY--AND PUT AN END TO THIS INSOLENT FELLOW, FLASH!

YOUR PUNISHMENT SHALL BE TO WATCH FLASH'S FATE. SEE THAT POST IN THE ARENA? HE'LL BE CHAINED TO IT, WHILE CUGAR ATTACKS HIM WITH A SWORD!
NO-- NO!
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I BEG YOU TO SPARE FLASH! I'LL BE YOUR SLAVE---I'LL MARRY CUGAR---I'LL DO ANY-THING YOU SAY! I'LL TRY TO PERSUADE FLASH TO BECOME YOUR SLAVE, ONLY DON'T HAVE HIM KILLED!
WHAT ?

HOW DARE YOU PRETEND THAT YOU COULD PERSUADE HIM WHEN I COULD NOT? NO, HIS DOOM IS SEALED. HE DARED TO DEFY ME, QUEEN OF FORESTIA!

FLASH, CHAINED HAND AND FOOT, IS LED TO THE PILLAR OF DOOM---
YOU FOUGHT WELL, FLASH. TOO BAD YOU DON'T HAVE A CHANCE NOW---NO MATTER HOW WELL YOU DODGE, CUGAR WILL GET YOU NOW!
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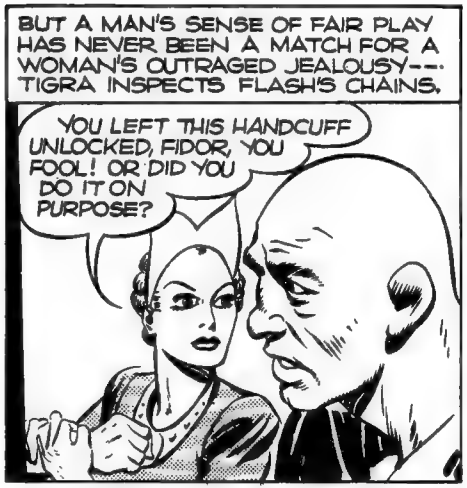
I HATE TO SEE A GOOD FIGHTER BUTCHERED BY A COWARD!
THANKS, FRIEND.
SERGEANT FIDOR HAS SO ADMIRED FLASH'S SKILL AND BRAVERY IN THE ONE-SIDED TOURNAMENT OF DEATH THAT HE SECRETLY UNLOCKS ONE HANDCUFF IN THE FINAL DUEL....


BUT A MAN'S SENSE OF FAIR PLAY HAS NEVER BEEN A MATCH FOR A WOMAN'S OUTRAGED JEALOUSY---. TIGRA INSPECTS FLASH'S CHAINS.
YOU LEFT THIS HANDCUFF UNLOCKED, FIDOR, YOU FOOL! OR DID YOU DO IT ON PURPOSE?

GOODBYE, MY DARLING. REMEMBER, I'LL ALWAYS LOVE YOU!
SNATCHING A WHIP, QUEEN TIGRA UNLEASHES HER FURY ON THE UNLUCKY FIDOR. DALE TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THE CONFUSION FOR A LAST FAREWELL.
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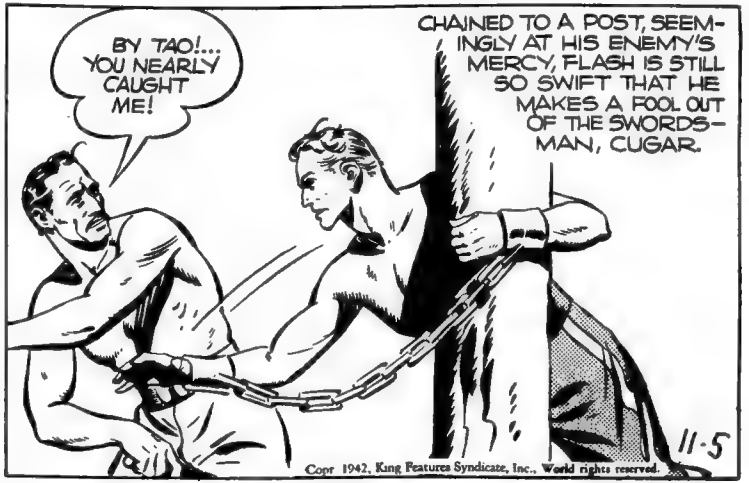
ALL RIGHT, TIGRA---I'M READY WHENEVER YOU AND CUGAR ARE!
WITH DALE'S FAREWELL KISS ON HIS LIPS, FLASH PREPARES TO FIGHT TO THE END, HOWEVER UNFAIR THE DUEL MAY BE.

DON'T WORRY, TIGRA, I'LL GET HIM, IT'S A CINCH!
GO AHEAD, MY PRINCE. REMEMBER, BY THE RULES YOU MUST FINISH HIM OFF WITHIN THE HOUR OR HE WINS.


BY TAO!... YOU NEARLY CAUGHT ME!
CHAINED TO A POST, SEEMINGLY AT HIS ENEMY'S MERCY, FLASH IS STILL SO SWIFT THAT HE MAKES A FOOL OUT OF THE SWORDSMAN, CUGAR.
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COME ON, CUGAR, TAKE A CHANCE! ARE YOU AFRAID I'LL TAKE YOUR SWORD AWAY?
CUGAR CAUTIOUSLY CIRCLES FLASH'S POST, TRYING TO MAKE HIS UNARMED ENEMY EXPOSE HIMSELF FOR A FATAL LUNGE.

FURIOUS AT BEING A HELPLESS VICTIM OF CUGAR'S SWORDPLAY, FLASH SUDDENLY SEIZES THE HUGE TIMBER WITH ALL HIS STRENGTH---
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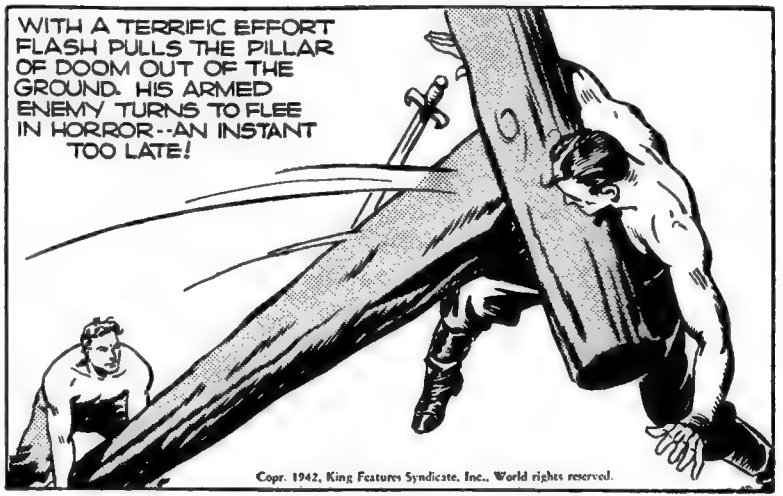
WITH A TERRIFIC EFFORT FLASH PULLS THE PILLAR OF DOOM OUT OF THE GROUND. HIS ARMED ENEMY TURNS TO FLEE IN HORROR--AN INSTANT TOO LATE!
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KNOCKING CUGAR UNCONSCIOUS, FLASH SWIFTLY SLIPS FROM THE UPROOTED POST.
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TIGRA'S GUARDS RACE TOWARD FLASH---BUT STOP IN BEWILDERMENT AS HE SEIZES THE QUEEN FOR A HOSTAGE. THEY DON'T KNOW HE COULD NEVER HURT A WOMAN!
TIGRA--TELL YOUR GUARDS TO HALT, IF YOU WANT TO LIVE!

BUT THE CHANGEABLE, FIERY QUEEN AMAZES EVEN FLASH WITH HER NEXT MOVE--
OH, FLASH, MY HERO, I CANNOT FIGHT YOU ANY LONGER. YOU HAVE CONQUERED ME. FORGIVE ME. I LOVE YOU.
NEXT WEEK: MORE DANGEROUS THAN AN ENEMY!

I HAVE NO PRIDE LEFT. I LOVE YOU, MY HERO!
ARE YOU TRYING TO TRICK ME INTO LETTING YOU GO?
FLASH SUSPECTS A TRICK, AS QUEEN TIGRA SUDDENLY TURNS FROM A RUTHLESS EXECUTIONER TO AN ARDENT, TENDER WOMAN.....

NO! NEVER LET ME GO, FLASH. HOLD ME LIKE THIS FOREVER!
I CAN'T TRUST YOU, TIGRA. A MINUTE AGO YOU WERE ORDERING CUGAR TO KILL ME!
11-9
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CUGAR? THAT WEAK COWARD! GUARDS, THROW HIM IN THE HORSE-TROUGH TO REVIVE HIM··· NO, FLASH, I SWEAR TO YOU BY MY THRONE THAT YOU'LL NOT BE HARMED··AS LONG AS YOU STAY WITH ME!

YOUR MAJESTY WANTED THE KEY TO FLASH'S SHACKLES. SERGEANT FIDOR KEPT IT WHEN HE TRIED TO RELEASE FLASH. SHALL WE JAIL FIDOR?
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YOU COULDN'T VERY WELL PUNISH FIDOR FOR TRYING TO HELP ME, TIGRA, SINCE YOU, YOURSELF, HAVE JUST DONE THE SAME THING!
VERY WELL, FLASH. I PARDON FIDOR FOR HIS ATTEMPTED DISOBEDIENCE!
I THANK YOUR MAJESTY·· AND THANK YOU, FLASH.
11-10

DALE FEELS LIKE THE FORGOTTEN WOMAN AS FLASH WALKS OFF WITH TIGRA·· SHE DOESN'T SEE FLASH SECRETLY WINK AT HER, AS IF TO SAY, "YOU UNDERSTAND THAT I'M HUMORING THE QUEEN FOR YOUR SAKE!"

MY HERO, WE MUST HAVE A ROYAL BANQUET TO CELEBRATE YOUR AMAZING VICTORY. YOU ARE THE ONLY MAN IN THE HISTORY OF FORESTIA TO EVER WIN THE TOURNAMENT OF DOOM!
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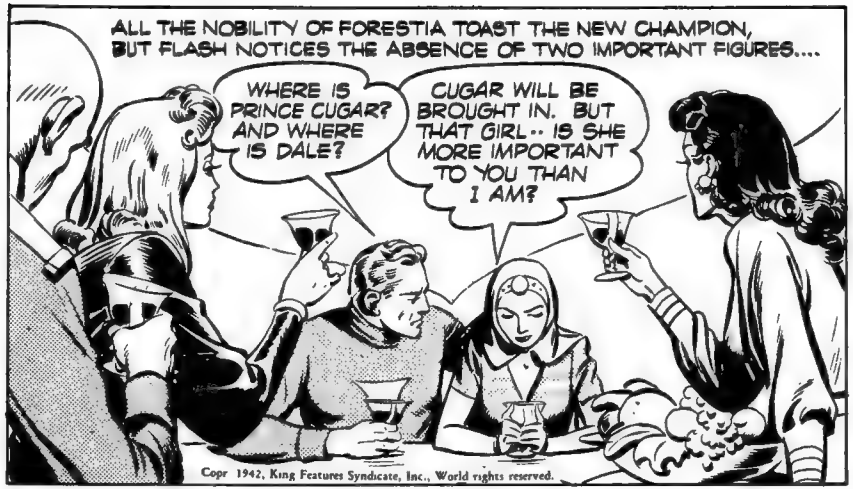
ALL THE NOBILITY OF FORESTIA TOAST THE NEW CHAMPION, BUT FLASH NOTICES THE ABSENCE OF TWO IMPORTANT FIGURES....
WHERE IS PRINCE CUGAR? AND WHERE IS DALE?
CUGAR WILL BE BROUGHT IN. BUT THAT GIRL.. IS SHE MORE IMPORTANT TO YOU THAN I AM?
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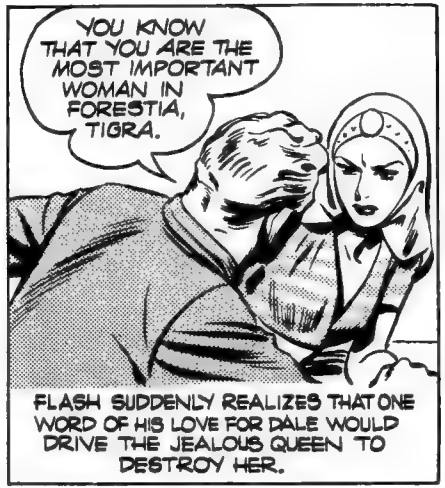
YOU KNOW THAT YOU ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT WOMAN IN FORESTIA, TIGRA.
FLASH SUDDENLY REALIZES THAT ONE WORD OF HIS LOVE FOR DALE WOULD DRIVE THE JEALOUS QUEEN TO DESTROY HER.

YOUR MAJESTY SENT FOR PRINCE CUGAR, THE TOURNAMENT LOSER.
OH, YES. FLASH, SINCE YOU WON, CUGAR'S LIFE IS IN YOUR HANDS. DO YOU WANT HIM FOR A SLAVE OR SHALL I HAVE HIM EXECUTED?
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SERGEANT FIDOR, PLEASE RELEASE YOUR PRISONER... PRINCE CUGAR, I GIVE YOU BACK YOUR FREEDOM.
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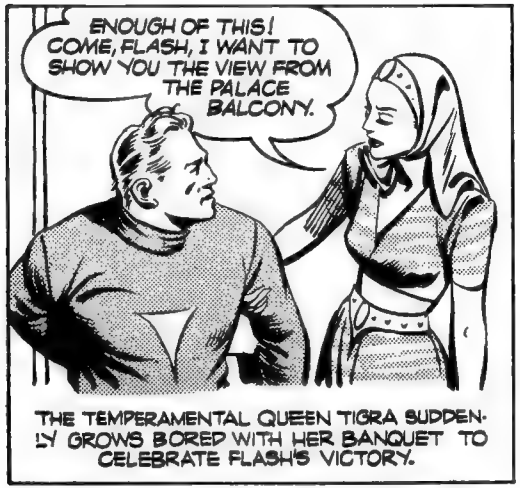
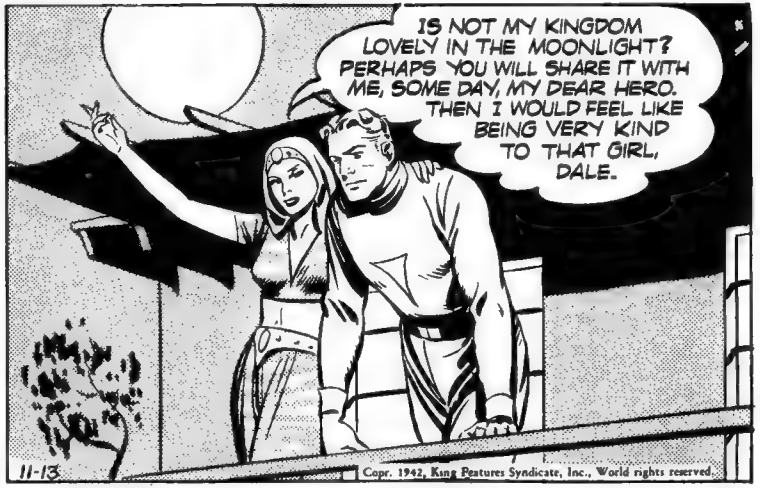
I SHALL REPAY THIS NOBLE GESTURE SOME DAY, FLASH.
THAT WAS A MISTAKE. CUGAR IS CRUEL AND VENGEFUL--HE WILL NEVER FORGIVE YOU FOR PUTTING HIM IN YOUR DEBT SO PUBLICLY!


ENOUGH OF THIS! COME, FLASH, I WANT TO SHOW YOU THE VIEW FROM THE PALACE BALCONY.
THE TEMPERAMENTAL QUEEN TIGRA SUDDENLY GROWS BORED WITH HER BANQUET TO CELEBRATE FLASH'S VICTORY.


IS NOT MY KINGDOM LOVELY IN THE MOONLIGHT? PERHAPS YOU WILL SHARE IT WITH ME, SOME DAY, MY DEAR HERO. THEN I WOULD FEEL LIKE BEING VERY KIND TO THAT GIRL, DALE.
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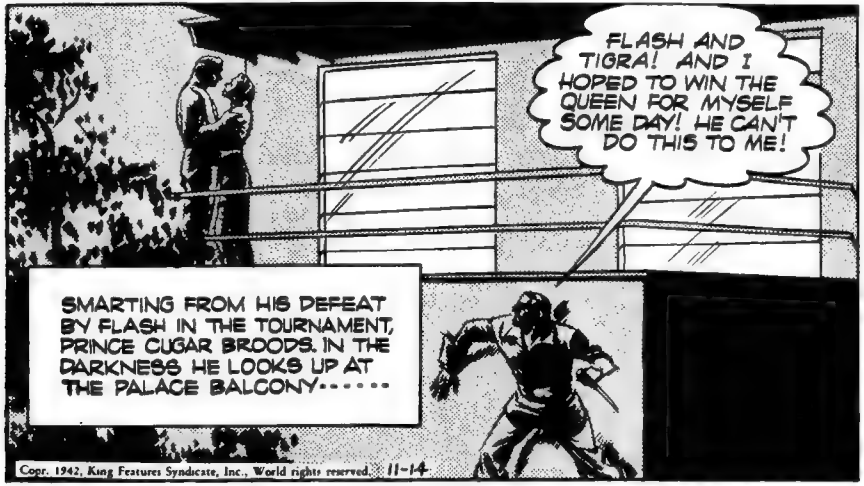
FLASH TELLS HIMSELF THAT HE IS PRETENDING TO FALL IN WITH TIGRA'S PLANS, ONLY TO PROTECT DALE FROM THE QUEEN'S WRATH--- BUT THE FIERY QUEEN HAS A DANGEROUS FASCINATION FOR HIM.


FLASH AND TIGRA! AND I HOPED TO WIN THE QUEEN FOR MYSELF SOME DAY! HE CAN'T DO THIS TO ME!
SMARTING FROM HIS DEFEAT BY FLASH IN THE TOURNAMENT, PRINCE CUGAR BROODS. IN THE DARKNESS HE LOOKS UP AT THE PALACE BALCONY.....
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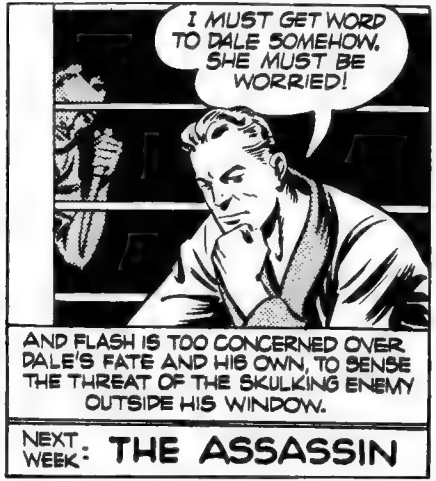
PROWLING AROUND THE GROUNDS, CUGAR FINDS OUT WHAT APARTMENT HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO THE NEW PALACE GUEST, FLASH GORDON.


I MUST GET WORD TO DALE SOMEHOW. SHE MUST BE WORRIED!
AND FLASH IS TOO CONCERNED OVER DALE'S FATE AND HIS OWN, TO SENSE THE THREAT OF THE SKULKING ENEMY OUTSIDE HIS WINDOW.
NEXT WEEK: THE ASSASSIN

HE'LL NOT LIVE TO GLOAT OVER ME!
CUGAR'S TWISTED MIND BLAMES FLASH FOR REDUCING HIM FROM A RESPECTED PRINCE OF FORESTIA TO A LAUGHING-STOCK OF THE COURT.

SUDDENLY FLASH PUTS OUT HIS LIGHT AND THROWS OPEN THE WINDOW. CUGAR SLINKS BACK INTO THE SHADOWS, FEARING HE'S BEEN DISCOVERED.
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I MUST SEE DALE AND EXPLAIN EVERYTHING— SHE MUST BE WORRIED!
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FLASH SLIPS ALMOST FURTIVELY OUT OF THE WINDOW. CUGAR THINKS OF ATTACKING--- THEN DECIDES TO FOLLOW INSTEAD, HOPING TO TRAP FLASH IN SOME ACT THAT WILL TURN QUEEN TIGRA AGAINST HIM.

THANK YOU FOR FINDING THESE QUARTERS FOR ME, SERGEANT FIDOR. I GUESS FLASH IS TOO MUCH INTERESTED IN QUEEN TIGRA TO REMEMBER ME.
YOU MUSTN'T BELIEVE THAT, DALE. ALL THROUGH THE TOURNAMENT DUEL HE KEPT ASKING HOW YOU WERE BEING TREATED.

FIDOR, MY FRIEND! I'M LUCKY TO FIND YOU. TELL ME, WHERE IS DALE?
I GAVE HER MY HOUSE, FLASH. SAY, YOU HAD BETTER SEE HER --- SHE'S WORRIED SICK ABOUT YOU AND THE QUEEN.
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FLASH! WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
QUICK, LET ME IN BEFORE SOMEONE SEES ME. I SLIPPED AWAY FROM THE PALACE ---I HAD TO TELL YOU THAT I AM JUST TRYING TO PROTECT YOU FROM TIGRA.

HA! SO TIGRA THINKS SHE CAN WIN FLASH? ALREADY HE'S PLOTTING BEHIND HER BACK···IF I TELL HER, IT WILL BE A BETTER REVENGE ON FLASH THAN KILLING HIM! I KNOW HOW FIERCE TIGRA CAN BE!
CUGAR TRAILS FLASH TO THE HOUSE WHERE DALE IS STAYING...
CUGAR HURRIES TO TIGRA'S PALACE..
WHAT IS THIS FANTASTIC STORY?
YOUR MAJESTY, I SWEAR I SAW THEM. THEY'RE PROBABLY PLANNING TO ESCAPE TOGETHER!
11-18
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I WON'T BELIEVE THIS ABOUT MY HERO, FLASH, UNLESS I SEE IT FOR MYSELF...AND IF YOU'RE LYING, CUGAR, YOU'LL PAY FOR IT!
YOU MUST BELIEVE ME, DALE, DARLING. I'M ONLY PLAYING FOR TIME WITH TIGRA, UNTIL WE CAN ESCAPE. OTHERWISE, SHE'LL KILL YOU!
NOT KNOWING THAT HE HAS BEEN SPIED UPON BY CUGAR, FLASH STEALS A FEW PRECIOUS MOMENTS WITH DALE·····
SOMEBODY'S KNOCKING!
OPEN THE DOOR···· I'LL PROTECT YOU, IF THERE'S TROUBLE···
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FIDOR! WHAT'S THE MATTER?
PLENTY! CUGAR TRAILED FLASH HERE···AND NOW HE'S BRINGING TIGRA AND HER GUARDS TO ARREST FLASH! I JUST GOT HERE AHEAD OF THEM!
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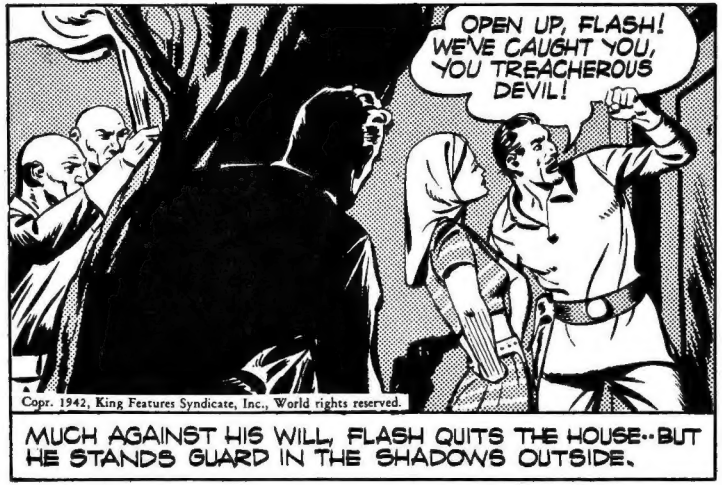

MUCH AGAINST HIS WILL, FLASH QUITS THE HOUSE--BUT HE STANDS GUARD IN THE SHADOWS OUTSIDE.

YOUR MAD HATRED HAS LED ME ON A WILD-GOOSE CHASE, CUGAR. YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS!
BY TAO'S BEARD, I SAW HIM! HE MUST HAVE ESCAPED BEFORE WE SURROUNDED THE HOUSE!
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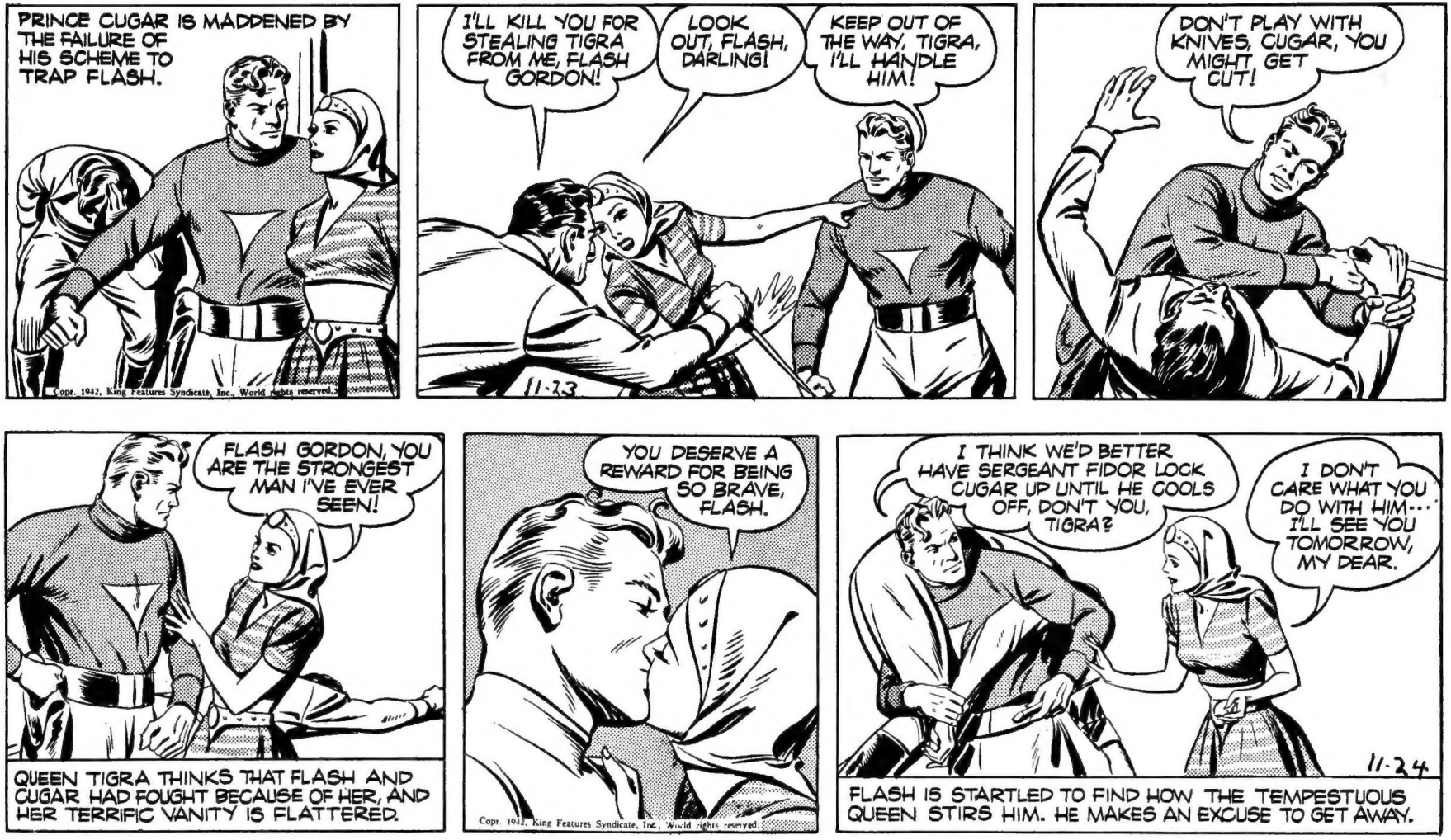
FLASH STANDS GUARD UNTIL THE JEALOUS QUEEN LEAVES DALE'S HOUSE

PARDON MY DISTURBING YOU, FLASH, BUT CUGAR PRETENDED HE HAD SEEN YOU WANDERING AROUND IN THE NIGHT.
WITH YOUR PERMISSION, TIGRA, I'LL TEACH MY FRIEND, CUGAR, TO MIND HIS OWN BUSINESS!

NEXT WEEK: **CUGAR'S REVENGE**


PRINCE CUGAR IS MADDENED BY THE FAILURE OF HIS SCHEME TO TRAP FLASH.
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I'LL KILL YOU FOR STEALING TIGRA FROM ME, FLASH GORDON!
LOOK OUT, FLASH, DARLING!
KEEP OUT OF THE WAY, TIGRA, I'LL HANDLE HIM!
11-23
DON'T PLAY WITH KNIVES, CUGAR, YOU MIGHT GET CUT!
FLASH GORDON, YOU ARE THE STRONGEST MAN I'VE EVER SEEN!
QUEEN TIGRA THINKS THAT FLASH AND CUGAR HAD FOUGHT BECAUSE OF HER, AND HER TERRIFIC VANITY IS FLATTERED.
YOU DESERVE A REWARD FOR BEING SO BRAVE, FLASH.
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I THINK WE'D BETTER HAVE SERGEANT FIDOR LOCK CUGAR UP UNTIL HE COOLS OFF, DON'T YOU, TIGRA?
I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU DO WITH HIM··· I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW, MY DEAR.
11-24
FLASH IS STARTLED TO FIND HOW THE TEMPESTUOUS QUEEN STIRS HIM. HE MAKES AN EXCUSE TO GET AWAY.

THE MURDEROUS CUGAR IS STILL OUT COLD, WHILE FLASH CARRIES HIM TO SERGEANT FIDOR'S HOUSE.
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FLASH! WHAT HAPPENED?
OUR FRIEND HERE TRIED TO KILL ME. WILL YOU LOCK HIM UP TILL WE DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH HIM?
FIDOR COMES OUT OF THE SHADOWS, WHERE HE HAS BEEN STANDING WATCH TO PROTECT DALE.

OH, FLASH, CAN'T WE LEAVE THIS AWFUL PLACE? I'M SURE TIGRA IS GOING TO DO SOMETHING DREADFUL TO YOU OR ME.
BE BRAVE, DEAR. I'LL MANAGE HER SOMEHOW. JUST TRUST ME--I WISH I COULD KISS YOU GOOD NIGHT, BUT THERE MAY BE SPIES WATCHING US.

THE DAZED CAPTIVE ASSASSIN, CUGAR, COMES-TO JUST IN TIME TO SEE FLASH'S FAREWELL TO DALE.
I DON'T CARE WHETHER TIGRA'S SPIES SEE US OR NOT- GOOD NIGHT, MY DARLING.
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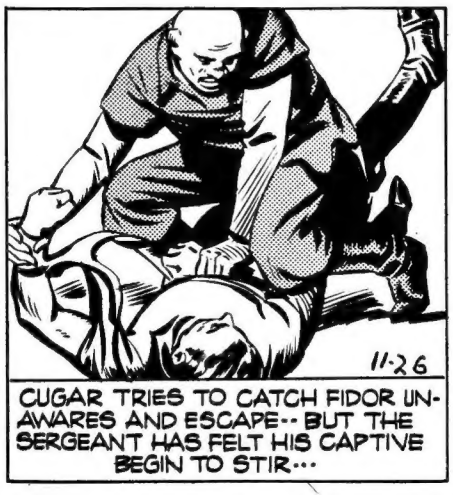
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CUGAR TRIES TO CATCH FIDOR UNAWARES AND ESCAPE-- BUT THE SERGEANT HAS FELT HIS CAPTIVE BEGIN TO STIR···

QUEEN TIGRA WILL PUNISH YOU FOR THIS WHEN I GET BACK IN POWER, FIDOR! BUT IF YOU'LL LET ME GO NOW, I'LL GIVE YOU A THOUSAND GOLD TIGROLS AND MAKE YOU A CAPTAIN!
LISTEN-- YOU--FLASH IS MY FRIEND AND I WON'T DOUBLE-CROSS HIM!